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Report: PA intensifying activity in Jerusalem

By STEVE RODAN

The Palestinian Authority has declared "a limited war" against the authorities in Jerusalem, stepping up illegal construction and purchasing property, and establishing alternative educational, legal, and police services for Arabs, a report by one of Israel's security services says.

The report says the PA efforts are aimed at eroding Israeli rule in Arab neighborhoods through intimidation and incitement against government policy. It says that illegal Arab construction has increased since the launch of the Har Homa construction project.

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struction project.

The PA, the report says, is attempting to create an alternative Palestinian rule by strengthening Palestinian institutions in east Jerusalem and in the municipal area. This includes establishing a Jerusalem governorate in A-Ram, courts in Abu Dis and Bir Naballah, an education department in A-Ram, the appointment of a PA commander for the Jerusalem district, and the construction of buildings for PA intelligence in Abu Dis.

"Palestinian activity in Jerusalem has gone into high gear in recent months, and we can see signs of the declaration of a limited war in Jerusalem," the report says. "At this stage, [PA officials] are avoiding a frontal war with Israel but they are dealing with weak targets."

These targets include Arab land dealers, city officials, professionals, and employees of Israeli institutions in east Jerusalem.

In addition, the PA has stepped up the purchase of real estate. The effort is being directed by PA leader Yasser Arafat and appears to be focused on the Old City, which has been neglected by Palestinians over the last decade. Many have left the area.

The report says PA officials recently bought buildings in the Old City, and are trying to buy the New Imperial Hotel near the Jaffa Gate.

The PA is also trying to raise money for construction in east Jerusalem. Investors being targeted are Palestinian businessmen and those from Morocco and the Gulf states. Funds have been established in several Arab countries. In Morocco, one such fund, The Jerusalem Treasury, was established in March, with a goal of raising \$500 million under the patronage of King Hassan.

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Red Cross optimistic on Lebanese-Israeli body exchange

BEIRUT (Reuters) — Mediation between Lebanon and Israel on swapping remains of IDF soldiers for Lebanese prisoners could soon produce "positive results," an international committee of Red Cross officials said yesterday.

"I expect positive results soon if things go on the way they are now," Jean Jacques Fresard, ICRC chief in Lebanon told reporters after a meeting with Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Fresard said he delivered an Israeli message concerning the

exchange of remains of the naval commandos killed 11 days ago. He said he had received a Lebanese response, but didn't say what it was.

This was the second Israeli message Fresard has conveyed to Lebanon in the past few days. He said he could not give details without compromising his mission.

Hizbullah, which has some of the remains, said its officials met with the ICRC, but gave no other details.

"We held a meeting today with the ICRC, the negotiation process is still going on, but I do not want to give more details," a Hizbullah spokesman said.

Iranian President Mohammed Khatami said that Beirut could count on Teheran's support in the fight against Israel.

Michal Yudelman adds: Prime Minister Binyamin



He's our man

Students at Boys' Town Jerusalem hoist Christoph Meili, the Swiss bank-guard who prevented records of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property from being destroyed, during an award ceremony at the school yesterday. Story, Page 5. (Brian Hendler)

Right-wing MKs threaten to quit coalition

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

While Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is examining ways of solving the Ras al-Amud crisis, Knesset members of the Land of Israel Front are threatening to quit the coalition if the new Jewish settlers in the Arab neighborhood are evacuated.

MK Moshe Peled of Tsomet, who has joined the settlers, said

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"evacuating Jews in the Land of Israel and especially in Jerusalem is a red line for us. We shall have to consider carefully whether we can continue to support a government which decides to evacuate them."

MK Michael Kleiner of Geshar, the spokesman for the Land of Israel, said "we won't agree to have those families evacuated. We won't support a government which moves them in violation of the law."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon also opposed evacuating the settlers, warning that

such a move would be perceived as caving in to pressure and have dangerous implications for Israel's relations with the Palestinian Authority.

"Moving the settlers at this stage would be a grave error. It would prove that Israel can be pressured by threats of terrorism. It's the right of every person in a democratic state to live wherever he bought a house or land," Sharon said.

He added that Ras al-Amud was part of Jerusalem and said it was only natural that "a Jew would be able to live anywhere in Jerusalem."

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat warned Netanyahu "not to dare uproot the new settlers. That would be tantamount to uprooting a settlement in Eretz Yisrael and we won't be able to put up with it. We will be there in the thousands to prevent the evacuation."

MK Zvi Hendel of the NRP said "a government which ignores wholesale and illegal Arab construction in Jerusalem, while at the same time picks on Jews, who bought a home facing the Mount of Olives legally, is not worthy of being called a national government and it is doubtful whether it should continue to exist."

Gov't seeks Ras al-Amud solution

PM cancels trip to Europe

By JAY BUSHINSKY

there. Because of the crisis, Netanyahu

An emergency meeting at the Prime Minister's office yesterday resulted in a series of interim decisions to deal with the Ras al-Amud crisis, among them the appointment of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani to head the team of officials dealing with the move of Jewish settlers into the neighborhood.

At virtually the same time, Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based millionaire who owns the property in question, conferred with his lawyers and advisers. Moskowitz took part in a mezuzah-affixing ceremony at the site last night.

Kahalani is expected to visit the site today and to meet Moskowitz

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canceled his trip to Vienna, which was to have included stopovers in Bucharest and Budapest. Briefing journalists, Netanyahu said he preferred not to give any details of the possibilities being examined, but noted the legal issue is extremely complex and the scope of calculations "very broad."

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High Court authorizes GSS use of force

The High Court of Justice yesterday granted the General Security Service authorization to use physical pressure in the investigation of a man believed to have information about plans for further suicide attacks.

Infant hurt in bombing out of hospital

Tami Kaufman, the six-month-old injured in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda suicide bombings, was released from Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital yesterday.

Katsav rescinds jubilee post resignation

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav yesterday agreed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's request and rescinded his resignation as the minister responsible for the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Tourism offices receiving many complaints

Over the past six months, Government Tourist Offices abroad have received an unprecedented number of complaints about the attitude towards tourists here.

Local cow holds record in milk production

Her name is Arafela, she lives on Kibbutz Ein Hanatziv, and she's been busy. The black-and-white cow is believed to hold the world record for milk production - 170,000 liters over a 19-year career.

Palestinians warn of violence if Jews remain in Ras al-Amud

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority, escalating its rhetoric against the Netanyahu government, raised the specter of Arab riots today unless Israel removed the three Jewish families from Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood.

The PA officially holds the Israeli government responsible for any development that will take place unless the settlers are evicted in the coming hours.

Erekat and other PA officials said they now suspect that Netanyahu knew of the plans by the Jewish families to enter into a building bought by Miami philanthropist Irving Moskowitz.

They said that for more than a day they, in coordination with Israel, have ensured calm among the Palestinians in and around Jerusalem.

This is a planned step which is not as innocent as the Israeli government would like to show, Erekat said.

use the Jews from their new home. He said that for the first time the Arabs have formed a united position that supports the Palestinians and the PA.

PLC speaker Ahmed Qurie (Abu Ala) supported the PA position.

"What's happened at Ras al-Amud is a dangerous step," he said.

Salah Taamari, a PLC member from Bethlehem, warned that the Israelis and Palestinians are moving toward a violent confrontation because of what he called Israeli settlement activity and the continued IDF closure of the territories.

He asked PA representatives for a response to the closure and what he called the nightly arrests by Israeli forces of suspected Islamic militants in the Bethlehem area.

"Does the PA have a plan to confront the closure and settlement activity?" he asked.

The council session was scheduled to discuss the visit of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Many of the PLC members sounded skeptical concerning the optimistic assessments expressed by PA officials.

Senior security officials also asked some reporters confirmed on Monday.

"I don't think that security issues are a matter of news," Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told the Jerusalem Post.

PA to US: We're fighting terror

In the interest of persuading Washington to come ahead with funding, Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat has decided to try to convince Congress that he is battling Islamic terrorism.

A select group of US journalists are to be allowed into PA prisons to interview inmates recently detained on suspicion of involvement in plots to wage attacks against Israel.

A CBS television crew has plans to interview one detainee for a forthcoming "60 Minutes" program, a source at CBS said.

counterparts said that they must convince Congress that the authority is fighting terrorism to obtain \$100 million in funding that was shelved in Washington.

Meanwhile, PA officials wouldn't comment yesterday on the reported arrests of four Palestinians suspected of being tied to a plot to assassinate Arafat.

Senior security officials also asked some reporters confirmed on Monday.

"I don't think that security issues are a matter of news," Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told the Jerusalem Post.

The country's newest pilgrimage spot

By HERB KEIMON

Dozens of plastic Israeli flags were strung from a five-meter high antenna atop the disputed house in Ras al-Amud yesterday, conjuring up images of the mast of a ship.

"It is ours, all of it is ours," shouted Jerusalem koller student Emanuel Anaki at a Palestinian woman passing by.

The woman stopped and shouted back in Arabic, until she was escorted away by a policewoman.

The second day of the Ras al-Amud saga, taking place in the shadow of the Temple Mount, was similar to the first: lots of press, lots of MKs, lots of supporters, lots of detractors, lots of curses, yet, fortunately, precious little action.

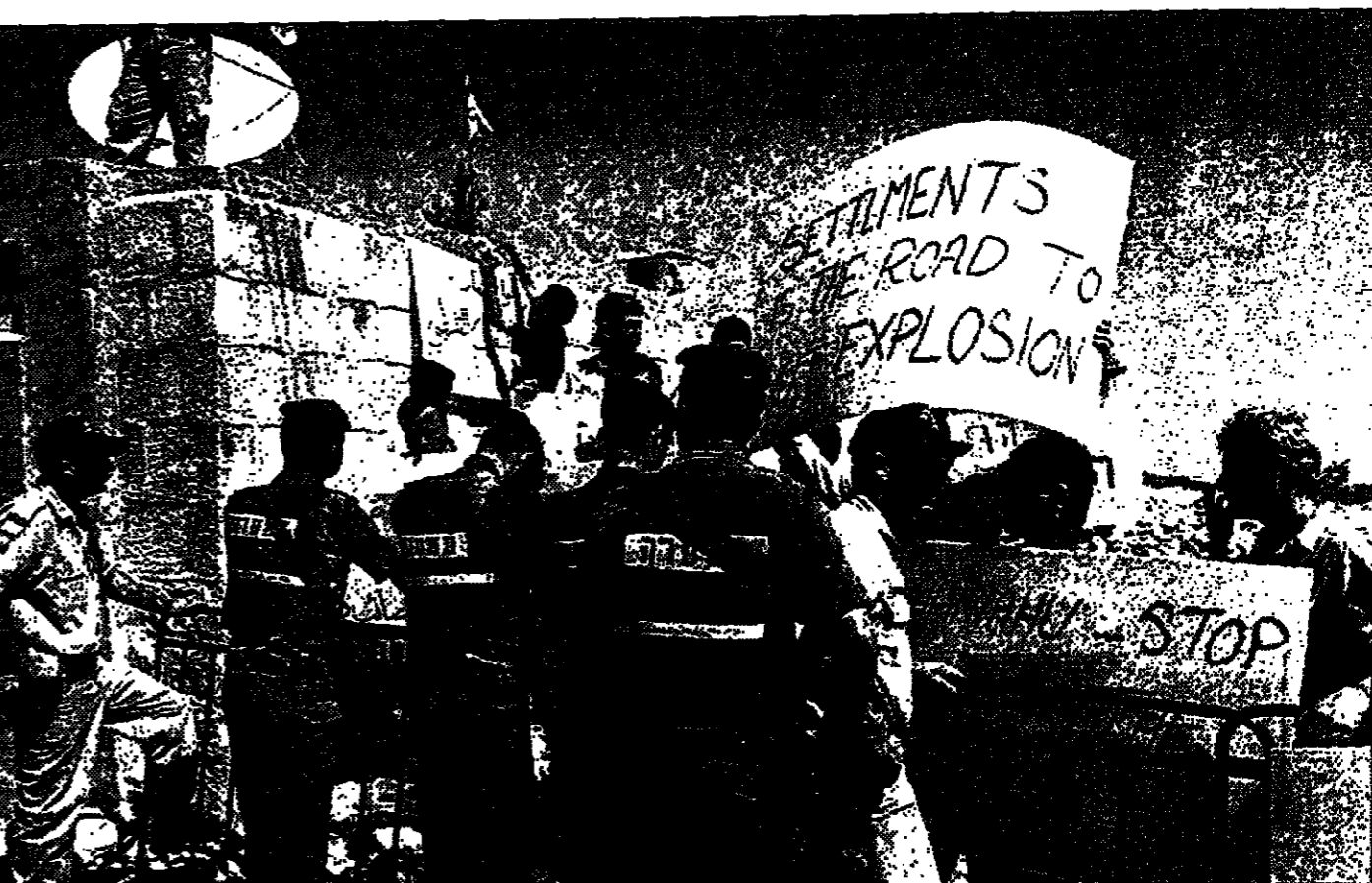
In fact, escorting people in various directions was the riot police force's primary activity throughout the day.

They escorted Peace Now activists to a protest tent set up right next to the controversial home; they escorted Palestinians living in the area quickly past the door of their new neighbors;

and they escorted Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel on a fact-finding mission around the grounds.

Ras al-Amud, like Hebron prior to the IDF withdrawal last winter, and Har Homa prior to the rolling of the bulldozers in the spring, has quickly become this country's newest pilgrimage spot.

Among yesterday's pilgrims were Hai Ve'kayam's Yehuda Etzion, a leading activist in the movement to establish a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount, and Hillel Horwitz, a veteran Hebron settler.



Israeli and Palestinian protesters demonstrate at Ras al-Amud yesterday as border policemen stand in front of them. (Reuters)

Moratinos due to hold talks in Cairo today

By JAY BUSHINSKY

European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos is due to confer in Cairo today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa before proceeding to the US for talks on the impact of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's recent tour of the Middle East.

However, remarks attributed to him in Monday's The Jerusalem Post were categorically denied yesterday by his spokesman, Christophe Farnaud.

The spokesman referred to a meeting between Moratinos and Foreign Minister David Levy at which the EU envoy reportedly said the EU does not see eye-to-eye with France regarding the peace process.

"The ambassador said nothing about France or Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine," Farnaud said.

A version obtained from authoritative sources prompted a report to the effect that the EU's current evaluation of the regional peace process differs from that of France.

Vedrine was quoted by Agence France Presse as having said "There no longer is a peace process, no longer any dynamism or perspective." Vedrine said the peace process

has been "broken," and pinned the blame on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

The French Embassy in Tel Aviv circulated these excerpts from an interview with Vedrine broadcast on Europe 1 on Monday.

Q: Didn't you go too far, weren't your remarks over the top, personal, and perhaps unfair?

Vedrine: Judging from the reactions, I don't get that impression. On the contrary, I feel that I have been understood. I spoke with regret. I'm sorry I had to say it, but I called a spade a spade and virtually everyone responded by saying that, sadly, it was true.

Q: You've tended to come under criticism, in Israel and sometimes in Paris, for not having an evenhanded attitude, i.e. having one which no longer allows France to play a mediating role?

Vedrine: It seems to me that the protagonists aren't really looking for mediators, and, secondly, in a friendship, plain speaking is a duty...

Q: Are you, for example, asking Yasser Arafat to make a greater effort to find and crack down on the terrorists?

Vedrine: Obviously, that goes without saying. When people say that the peace process must be revived, we are saying the same thing. How do you expect Yasser Arafat to be able to combat terrorism more effectively when about 30 percent of Palestinians sympathize with Hamas which expresses their despair and frustration?

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"First we must exhaust all the means for talks with those involved."

While no legal basis was found or proposed at the session to oust the three families, the police were ordered to prevent additional settlers from entering the neighborhood.

Netanyahu conferred with Kahalani, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, and General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, and reiterated the government's opposition to the construction of a Jewish neighborhood there.

However, there was no indication of an immediate solution to the problem.

In preparation for the consultations, Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel went to the site. Earlier, Rubinstein had said that there is a theoretical possibility of evicting the settlers if they pose a danger to public safety.

Concern was expressed in GSS and police circles about the possibility that the fast-accelerating dispute may be used as a theme to incite Moslem worshippers at Friday's prayers on the Temple Mount.

What is important in this particular instance is not really the question of what is legal and what is not legal. The question is what can restore confidence and promote movement toward a settlement which can meet the parties' needs.

Meanwhile, Hefetz said he fears the current actions in Ras al-Amud will trigger riots.

Margot Dudkevitch, Michal Yudelevman, Basheva Tsur, and Hillel Kutler from Washington contributed to this report.

Mahmeed came for a look around, as did Gush Shalom's Uri Avneri. It was a veritable "Who's Who" of the extreme ends of the political map.

"The rational middle," quipped one observer, "will stay far away."

The dominant presence that hovered over the street throughout the day was not Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, although everyone was waiting to see what he would do, but rather Irving Moskowitz, the Miami-based doctor whose purchase of the home made the drama possible.

The name Moskowitz evoked a completely different reaction from Meretz MK Anat Maor. "I call on him to go back to Miami, we don't need him here," she said.

erally, on where you stood on the street - whether you were near the home, or near Peace Now's tent.

"Israel should only have 20 more like that millionaire," said Eli Alush of Neveh Ya'acov, who said he came to the site because "I go wherever Jews are in trouble."

"People should learn from his example," Alush said, "and pump money into projects like this. One day he will die, but people will look at what he left Jerusalem."

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In Jordan, the Jerusalem Fund for Development and Investment was launched by the Arab Bank and Palestinian industrialists Abed Almajid Shoman and Muni Masri with \$70 million and a goal of \$200 million.

In addition, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Morocco have pledged millions of dollars to Faisal Hussein, PA minister for Jerusalem affairs.

The report says that Palestinian intelligence has been concentrated on preventing Israelis from purchasing property in east Jerusalem. PA agents have killed land dealers, intimidated Arabs into selling land to the PA, and organized demonstrations against confiscations by Israel.

In Ras al-Amud, the PA stopped sales of 12 dunams (3 acres) to Jewish investors. In Ramat Rahel, Palestinian security stopped a sale of 30 dunams and in Silwan, 30 dunams.

PA sources in Jerusalem confirmed most of the details in the report. They said that Arafat has made control of Jerusalem a priority over the past year.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street.

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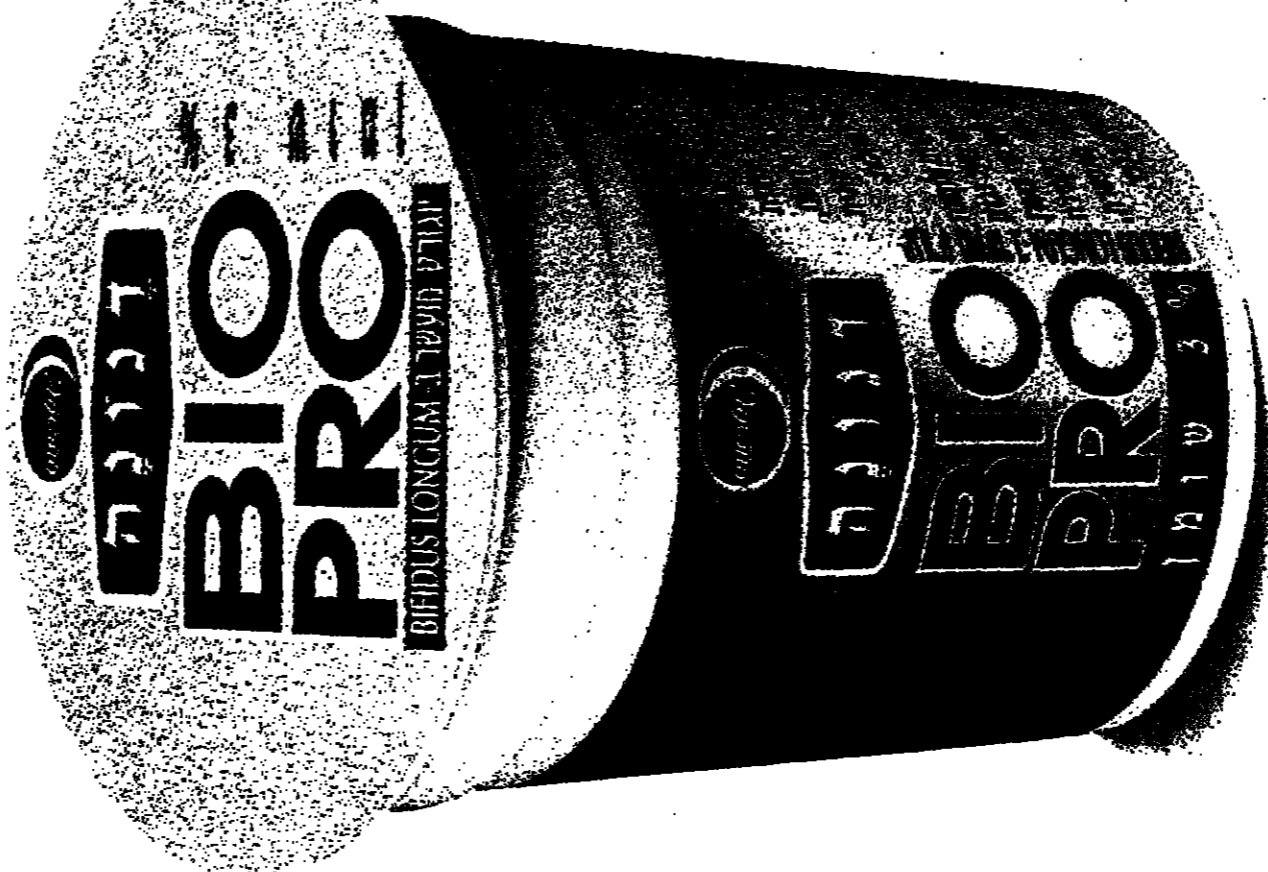
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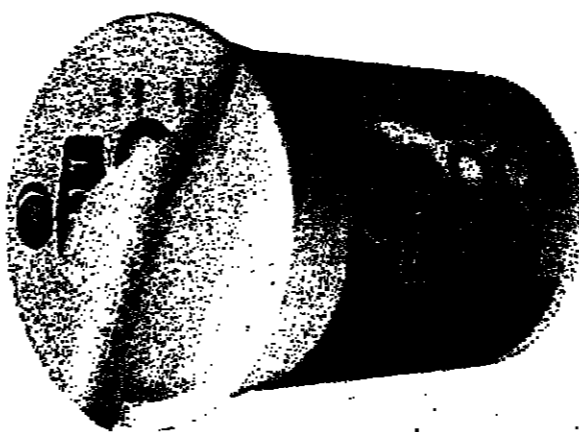
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יוגורט אמיתי זה דנונה בבל העולם

Asians wary of China's power *Bracing for El Nino*

By BEN HIRSCHLER

By RENE PASTOR

SINGAPORE - Rocking on gently rolling swells, the USS *Constellation* basked in the tropical sun of Singapore. A light breeze raked the flight deck, where several F-14 Tomcat and F-18 Hornet fighters were parked.

The aircraft carrier is a potent symbol of US power, allowing Washington to fly the flag in trouble spots from Asia to the Middle East.

"That is our business, promoting stability, showing that we're there to stand with our friends and allies," Captain Rocklun "Rocky" Deal, commanding officer of the *Constellation*, told a small group of reporters on a recent tour of the vessel.

"If an aggressor appears in any theater, [we're] ready to join with friends and allies to curb aggression."

But Southeast Asian countries are worried about the ebbing tide of US power in the region brought on by budget constraints in Washington, officials and security analysts say.

"The US factor in maintaining the regional strategic equilibrium may not be indefinitely sustained as emerging regional powers could disturb the balance," a Philippine Defense Department study said.

The next power that most Southeast Asian nations will be watching out for, the analysts say, is China. With China's economy expanding at a rapid rate over the past decade, it will not be long before Beijing becomes a major military, economic and political force in the area, they said.

Dewi Fortuna Anwar, an expert

on regional affairs at the Indonesian Academy of Sciences, said there was still "an underlying suspicion [about] China's intentions in the region."

"The growth of China and its economy and the ability to fuel its military development is a major concern to Indonesia, given the fact that there are a lot of unresolved territorial disputes in the region, particularly in the South China Sea, and also because China has yet to renounce the use of force to settle disputes," she said.

Rival claims to the Spratly islands, where Chinese and Vietnamese forces clashed about 10 years ago, hang like a cloud over the region.

There have been tense exchanges between Manila and Beijing, especially over China's construction of structures in a part of the Spratlys that the Philippines feels is too close to its territory and a threat to its security.

China has claimed the entire South China Sea, sparking disputes with Vietnam, Malaysia, and even tiny Brunei.

Outgoing Philippine Defense Secretary Renato de Villa said that as China "unleashes its own energies for its own development, we could see that it is going to be a major player" in the region.

"When we look down the road, we see that China will become a world power," he said.

Harry Harding, a prominent Sinologist with George Washington University, said in a lecture in Singapore that "many of China's neighbors are worried."

"They see that China has the growing attributes of national power, economic and military in particular. They see, too, China has territorial disputes on land



A robust economy will provide China the means to fuel its military development. (Camera Press Ltd.)

and at sea with many of its neighbors," he said.

A report by the Armed Forces of the Philippines said several countries were "apprehensive of the security posture a superpower China may adopt" especially when its military modernization program is fueled by a robust economy.

"More importantly, there is the perception that China intends to make Southeast Asia as its sphere of influence, especially with its declaration of sovereignty over the South China Sea," the study said. Beijing scoffs at such claims.

"These are wild allegations by some critics to undermine the progress which China has made. They have no basis," Premier Li Peng told local reporters in Singapore.

He said China was focusing on developing its economy and its armed forces were for defense.

China has the largest navy in the world, but security experts said most of its ships were meant for coastal defense and attempts to build it up to challenge the navies of other major powers would take time.

Li said up to 60 million of China's 1.2 billion people still lived in poverty.

"China has made much progress, but to become a moderately strong country, it will take another 30, 50 or more years," he said. "The China threat theory is therefore totally baseless."

Mohammed Jawbar Hassan, director-general at think-tank Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur, said China has almost always been a "generally benign power."

"It has never been as aggressive as some of the Western powers or Japan. Whether or not it become assertive with regard to its dispute in Southeast Asia will depend upon the balance of forces," he said.

Shahril Talib, a professor at the Department of Southeast Asian Studies in the University of Malaysia, was even more blunt.

"We've not seen an aggressive China, a military China, only a market-oriented China. I see markets bringing together exchange, bringing together dialogue, and I see no problems in the next 20 years." (Reuters)

LONDON - Low river levels cripple Papua New Guinea mines. Peru revises down cocoa forecasts. Coffee and cocoa prices soar.

Across the globe the El Nino weather phenomenon, caused by the warming of Pacific waters off South America, is already being blamed for economic turmoil.

Weather-beaten economists are still struggling to make sense of the true impact of El Nino, or "the boy child," named after Jesus by Peruvian fishermen because it tends to peak at Christmas.

But a few likely macro-economic trends are becoming clear. A growing number of countries are contemplating the prospect of drought withering staple crops while others brace for damaging storms and floods.

"No one is able to identify the global effects but the basic picture is that prices will go up, incomes will go down and trade balances will be hit," said David Lubin, economic adviser for emerging markets at HSBC in London.

South African Agriculture Minister Derek Hanekom said last week that the expected onset of the El Nino drought could halve the country's corn crop, costing more than one billion rand (\$213 million) in lost exports.

In Asia, the drought has already arrived, posing a fresh threat to a region already hit by reeling currencies and stock markets.

Countries such as the Philippines and Indonesia face a double threat if forced to import dollar-priced rice or corn with weakened currencies, pushing up inflation.

Famine-stricken North Korea has been pushed to the brink by a drought which scientists believe has been aggravated by El Nino.

The most direct impact of this year's El Nino, tipped by some scientists to be the most severe this century, has been seen on the commodity markets. Coffee, cocoa, grain and soybean prices have all risen.

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), the world's biggest futures market and the leading exchange for agricultural produce, is expecting increased trading volumes as players hedge against climate risk.

The impact may not be limited to commodity futures. The CBOT also sees the possibility of increased activity in its financial futures contracts if inflation picks up and insurance contracts could be boosted as storm damage looms.

The last major El Nino, in 1982-83, is estimated to have caused



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more than \$13b. of damage worldwide, including more than \$2b. of storm and flood damage in the US.

US federal agencies are gearing up to limit the damage this time, expected to hit hardest in southern California, by promoting flood insurance and encouraging builders to shore up structures.

The country closest to the phenomenon, Peru, is already bracing for the impact.

The central bank recently forecast a slowdown in economic growth to 5 percent in 1998 from 6 percent in 1997 because of likely flooding along the northern coast, droughts in the southern highlands and reduced fish catches.

The US investment bank Morgan Stanley Dean Witter said recently that otherwise good prospects for the Lima stock market had been clouded by El Nino concerns.

For investors looking to protect themselves from the financial fallout of the warm Pacific currents there are a few obvious strategies, such as selling hydroelectric shares in drought-prone regions and buying cement stocks in places where flooding may lead to a reconstruction boom.

If predicting the weather is hard enough, predicting the economic impact of El Nino's ability to turn global weather patterns upside down is even harder.

The knock-on effects can be highly complex. Shares in Australian mining giant Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. tumbled this month when its Ok Tedi copper mine in Papua New Guinea declared force majeure on concentrate deliveries because of lack of water in the Fly River, the main artery for shipments. El Nino has been blamed for the low river levels.

Elsewhere, the El Nino effect is not turning out as badly as some pundits had expected. The Indian monsoon, for example, has apparently escaped unscathed, although some fear a poor monsoon may yet be seen in 1998, causing widespread damage across the sub-continent which is heavily dependent on agricultural production.

All the evidence suggests that the current El Nino weather pattern, the 13th since 1950, rivals the record one seen in 1982 with average surface water temperature in the eastern Pacific in August more than three degrees above the yearly average.

That will hit economies and markets - but picking an investment strategy through the meteorological maze remains a gamble. (Reuters)

California, here they come

SANTA MONICA, California - Sounding an alarm about heavy immigration, a new study warns that an increasingly skill-based California economy cannot continue to absorb large flows of poorly educated immigrants - who in turn pose a growing strain on public services while driving US-born workers out of the state.

The study by Rand Corp., the Santa Monica-based think tank, provides a sweeping analysis of immigration into California during the past 30 years and offers several provocative recommendations.

The report, to be released Monday, calls on Congress to reduce new legal admissions to a "moderate range" - between the 300,000 annual average of the 1970s and the 1990s median of about 800,000; to regulate future flows in accordance with changing conditions - allowing the flexibility to curb immigration during times of high unemployment; and to add educational levels and English proficiency as admission criteria to a preference system now heavily based on family ties.

Driving the need for such changes are fundamental shifts in the economy of California, home to more than one-quarter of the nation's immigrants. The state is

moving away from low-skilled jobs in manufacturing and other sectors, toward service and technology industries in which employers place a premium on a highly educated work force.

Despite this transformation, the study states, almost half the immigrants to California are from Mexico and Central America, a region that sends among the least-educated new arrivals. Legions now compete in an increasingly tight low-wage labor market, facing limited prospects for advancement.

"There appears to be a growing divergence between current trends in the state's economy and immigration policies that are producing a steady inflow of poorly educated immigrants," write the two Rand specialists, Kevin F. McCarthy, a demographer, and Georges Vernez, an urban planner.

Quickly denouncing the study's major recommendations are immigrant advocates and others who argue that low-skilled immigrants represent a vibrant, upwardly mobile economic force benefiting all Californians, working for wages that the US-born would not accept.

"This sounds like think-tank poppycock" said Frank Shary, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-

based umbrella immigrant advocacy group. "It's smart people thinking that the only thing the country needs is more smart people."

California, where one in four residents are now foreign-born - the nation's highest such proportion - still enjoys benefits from immigration, acknowledged the Rand authors, who credit foreign settlers with helping to fuel economic progress for more than two decades, until the recession of the early 1990s.

Population growth in California, long fueled by migrants from other states, is now largely driven by immigration. The number of foreign-born people residing in California doubled during the 1970s, then doubled again during the 1980s - and has continued to rise during the 1990s. On the whole, the study states, immigrants in California are just as productive as US-born workers, though they earn less than their non-immigrant counterparts.

But Rand found the shift toward higher-skill industries, combined with today's generally less robust

economy, is eroding advantages and creating a widening wage gap between US-born and immigrant Californians even as state and local governments feel an increasing fiscal pinch. The greatest burden falls on the schools, where immigrants and their US-born offspring have increased enrollment.

In comparison with other states, California has immigrants who are generally younger, less educated, have higher fertility rates and are more likely to tap into tax-supported assistance. The study calls on Washington to reimburse California and other affected states for the costs of educating and otherwise assisting immigrants.

During fiscal 1996, according to government figures, about 900,000 people legally emigrated to the US, 65 percent of whom gained entry because they were relatives of US citizens or permanent residents.

To critics, the Rand assessment overlooks immigrants' continued role in agriculture, manufacturing, the service and apparel sectors and other industries. Many argue that the need for low-skilled immigrant workers will continue to grow as the US seeks to retain its competitive edge in a global economy where many employers prize a low-wage work force.

"It's because of low-wage jobs and low-skilled workers that LA's manufacturing sectors have been saved," argued Gregory Rodriguez, a research fellow at Pepperdine's Institute for Public Policy, who authored a study last year concluding that Latino immigrants and their children were gradually moving into the middle class.

He criticized as elitist Rand's suggestion that preference be given to would-be immigrants who speak English and have high educational levels, a marked departure from a US process long linked to familial connections. "It's saying we don't want striving people anymore," Rodriguez said.

In contrast to the generally bleak outlook for poorly educated immigrants, the report said those with high-school diplomas or advanced degrees will continue to do well.

The Rand report comes four months after an exhaustive study commissioned by the National Academy of Sciences found that immigrants were a net benefit to the US economy. But that study also concluded that taxpayers of certain immigrant-heavy states were contributing more to pay for education and other public services used by immigrant households. (Los Angeles Times)

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All dolled up

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet, for ages six and up, NIS 149.

Barbie Me'atzvet Ofna, a Hebrew translation of a CD-ROM by Mattel Media, distributed by Machshevet, for ages six and up, NIS 189, or NIS 229 with a Barbie doll.

When it comes to playing and working on a computer, boys outnumber girls by a wide margin. There is little or no gender bias in educational software, but CD-ROM games, with their "killing" the "enemy" and other action, are geared mainly for boys.

Finally, here are two excellent, imaginative programs perfect for girls. (Don't be surprised if their brothers slip the disks into the CD-ROM drive on the sly and enjoy them too.)

Regarding the blonde, blue-eyed bombshell as soulless, I never had a Barbie doll. I haven't bought one for my daughter, as I disapprove of a product aimed at cooing parents into buying an endless wardrobe of expensive Barbie clothes and accessories for "addicted" kids.

But these disks add a new dimension to playing dress-up with dolls.

Barbie Mesaperet Sipurim turns the user into a film director. Choosing scenery, characters, sounds, animation and dialogue, one can weave these elements into thousands of variations.

Me'atzvet Ofna turns the user into a fashion designer, putting together outfits from a variety of components, colors and patterns. Barbie comes to life as a model on the runway wearing the user's own creation.

Containing an excellent help menu in spoken Hebrew to explain every step of the way, each program is perfectly designed for children, even those a bit younger than six. All the icons on the screen are also identified in Hebrew, and the accompanying instruction booklets are very detailed.

In the first disk, one enters the Barbie Studio, a lovely pastel home screen with several options. Going into the pavilion for the construction of sets, the user may click on a variety of backgrounds in and around Barbie's mansion - from her kitchen and bedroom to her stables, complete with horses. A separate coloring pavilion allows one to change the colors of each set, section by section, using

a rainbow of shades.

One may choose from a selection of 15 items to add to the set, from birds and butterflies to hearts and fishbowl. Five of the 15, such as flying musical notes, move in animation. Barbie, her boyfriend Ken, and a number of other characters in a variety of outfits and positions (including some that sit down in a chair) can be selected as the stars of each frame.

There is also the option of writing Hebrew text (surrounded by fancy borders) in any of several fonts to use as printed dialogue. One may also add any of nine types of background music, from classical to jazz.

For special effects, the user can mark out the path on the set that each actor will take, and designate the speed of movement and reduce the size as it moves farther away. If she has a microphone, the user can add her own recorded dialogue anywhere in the scene.

After a visit to the editing pavilion, the user puts the scenes in the correct order and finally watches the whole "film" as she created it - feeling a great sense of accomplishment for a unique product.

The Barbie designer disk is no less satisfying. One starts with Barbie in her underwear. (This may offend some very Orthodox parents, but one can dress her so modestly that she wouldn't look out of place in Mea She'arim.) From a palette of choices, the user selects clothing components suited for a vacation, a wedding, work, a date, or a party. Click another icon to choose among handbags, belts, hats, scarves, hats and footwear (from high heels to rollerblades). Once Barbie has been dressed, the user selects patterns for the clothing and suitable colors.

Once one has decided on her outfit, one clicks an icon to see how Barbie looks in a three-dimensional view; then another is clicked - waiting a minute or so until the computer has set it up - to see Barbie sashaying down the runway in the outfit your little one designed. Since the variations are endless, it never gets boring.

The box containing the software is packed with special paper and cloth that can be printed on an ink-jet printer (not a "primitive" dot matrix). The user can select an outfit, print it in color, cut it out, and dress her own Barbie doll! Tulle for a wedding veil, plastic shoes and boots, glitter and other paraphernalia are enclosed, along with tiny pieces of Velcro to attach the clothes to the doll.

Even if you don't have an ink-jet printer, the disk will bedazzle kids and spark their imagination. Congratulations to Mattel Media and Machshevet for two wonderful pieces of software.

NetSnitch: Orwell's Big Brother, or healthy parental concern?

To a teenager, watchful parents can seem an awful lot like Big Brother.

Now the analogy is just a little more apt, at least on the Internet, because of new software that lets parents trail their children through cyberspace.

The software, called NetSnitch, is being pitched as a tool for parents who don't want to censor their kids. Unlike other "net minders," which block children from visiting sites deemed too racy or violent, NetSnitch just records where they've been and how long they've been there.

"Sounds to me like Orwellian parenting," said Marc Rotenberg, director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. "You might as well drop a video camera in your kid's bedroom."

That's not what parents Stanley Wallerstein and Jacinta Cullen had

in mind two years ago, when they came up with the idea of NetSnitch after bringing home a computer for their two sons, then 11 and seven. Although they wanted some control over their children's on-line wanderings, they didn't like any of the commercial products then available for parents.

Those programs - Cyber Patrol and NetNanny among them - have been criticized as heavy-handed and unreliable. They need constant updating, and can block inoffensive sites by mistake.

And the software developer, not the parent, decides which sites are objectionable.

"We were concerned, like most parents, about what was on the Internet," Wallerstein said. "But we weren't comfortable with the idea of someone else censoring what our family could see."

So Wallerstein and Cullen got a

friend to adapt technology used to monitor employees in the workplace, then set up shop at a Web site and a small office. With NetSnitch, parents call up a screen display that shows each Web site visited by a previous user during an Internet session, and how much time was spent at each site. A click of the mouse takes the parent directly to any of the sites. If NetSnitch is disabled, it leaves notice that it was bypassed.

PROGRAMS like NetSnitch have more to do with parenting philosophies than with software development, said Don DePalma, a senior analyst with Forester Research Inc. in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"From a technology perspective, it's not rocket science. From a parenting perspective, it all comes down to trust - trust vs. prevention," he said. "This is a really

tough call. Do you want to tell your kid you don't trust them?"

NetSnitch manager Bob Reardon says he wants parents to tell their children the program is in place, and not to try to catch them unawares.

"It's not like we're trying to sneak up on these kids. It's to remind them that they shouldn't be there, and that there might be consequences," he said.

Indeed, NetSnitch could appeal to parents who are concerned about their children spending too much time at the computer, but believe that some exploration of taboo material is inevitable, or even healthy.

"Part of the reason the market has produced so many different options is that no two parents are going to have exactly the same point of view," said Jonah Seiger, spokesman for the Washington-based Center for Democracy and

Technology.

Unlike the Electronic Privacy Information Center, Seiger's group believes that the more kinds of filtering software available, the better.

Several groups recently joined President Bill Clinton in urging the industry to take steps to guarantee a "family friendly" Internet. The White House acted less than a month after the Supreme Court struck down the Communications Decency Act of 1996, which was designed to protect children from indecent material on the Internet.

The significance was not lost on the developers of NetSnitch, who pushed up their release date to capitalize on publicity surrounding the decision.

"This puts the parents back in the equation, rather than having some company decide what is suitable for the child," Reardon said. "It gives them control." (AP)

Beep... beep... amuse me!

By MAGGIE JACKSON

Across the US, parents are learning just how difficult it can be to care for the hottest toy of the moment: virtual pets.

Just as moms and dads end up cleaning up after the cat or walking the dog, so parents are being pressed into service - often reluctantly, sometimes with embarrassment - as caretakers of the egg-sized computer pets.

Like many parents, Sandy Beckwith didn't realize how much work was required when her 7-year-old daughter asked her to baby-sit her virtual pet. When Beckwith's daughter came home, "the first thing she did was run to her pet and say, 'Mom, you killed it!'" says the freelance writer from Fairport, New York.

With schools banning them across the country, the pets, which beep at all hours to be fed, cleaned and amused, are being mistaken for pagers in executive pockets. They're keeping bleary-eyed parents up at night. And they're stirring passions not usually associated with children's toys.

"I thought it was a neat way to teach responsibility, but it ended up being a parental thing," says Cheryl Kaiser, a spokeswoman for WFD work-family consultants in Boston and mother to a 7-year-old and an infant.

One night at 2 a.m., as her husband slept with the toy next to his pillow, it began to beep. "I'm 50 years old! I can't be doing this!" he said. She yelled, "You can't let it die!"

Tamagochi, the original computer pet, took US markets by storm in May after proving a hit in Japan. Some 4.5 million Tamagochi - a name derived from the Japanese words for egg and watch - have sold for around \$15 each. A half-dozen competing cyber-dinosaurs, dogs, cats and other creatures are also selling well.

Finding one to buy is often the easy part. Once activated, the toys beep from every few seconds to every few hours. If the owner doesn't press buttons to meet the pet's demands, the pet dies - a traumatic turn for a young master, even though the toy can be reset to produce another creature.

"Kids were going to the bathroom [worrying about who was going] to feed their pets, or having to think about who was going to watch them," says David Engelson, principal of an elementary school in Vernon, Connecticut, and one of the first educators to ban cyberpets when he clamped down in June. "It was putting a lot of stress on the kids."

Schools in Michigan, Texas, California, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington state have imposed bans this fall. Many camps did so this summer.

To smooth the problem, Tamagochi's maker, Bandai America Inc., recently began drawing attention to a pause option on its toy, which has been available since June 15 but which most children - and parents - haven't known about. And at least one other competitor, Tiger Electronics, the maker of Giga Pets, is considering adding a pause

function.

The Cape Cod Potato Chip company of Hyannis, Massachusetts, is offering another solution: an employee-staffed "Electronic Pet Daycare Center," where children can send their cyberpets for free baby-sitting during the school year.

One week into the promotion, three pets have arrived, two from employees' children. "But we're prepared for more," says Nicole Bernard, director of marketing.

Some parents don't mind the sitting. "I'm a Mom. I've grown used to the role of guardian," sighs author Leslie Levine of Rochester, New York, who admits that the pet sometimes dies while she's on duty.

Nurse Victoria Manis found out that most colleagues assumed her pager was going off when her daughter's toy whined in recent

Some parents are finding it a real pain to cyber-sit their kids' virtual pets.



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weeks at work. Her boss, upon seeing the toy, was so smitten that he asked for a demonstration.

But many other parents draw the line at cyber-sitting.

Beckwith, who killed her daughter's toy, says that she might take care of it again, occasionally. "It's

hard to imagine arranging my schedule around this beeping electronic toy," she says.

Eleven-year-old Nick Bradley says his friends get their mothers to baby-sit for their toys during the school day. But his room doesn't. "She has a life," he says. (AP)

PARENTING

Don't be oversensitive

By RUTH MASON

In last week's column, psychologist Wendy Mogel explained how some parents, who felt they were not "heard" as children, become particularly sensitive and responsive to their children's feelings. But instead of contributing to their children's emotional health, Mogel says, this practice often helps create demanding, insecure, greedy kids. Several readers wanted to hear more about her thoughts on this phenomenon.

Says Mogel: When we work so hard at listening to our children's feelings, they perceive us as "emotional mining forks." We vibrate along with their feelings by making a big deal out of those feelings. The paradox is that this makes the children feel worse, not better. Our strong reaction communicates anxiety rather than reassurance and understanding.

What children need instead is for us to name and contain feelings - exactly what our parents didn't do because, for their own good reasons, they were nearly phobic about feelings.

They were afraid that if they acknowledged that we were sad, afraid, frustrated, and - especially -

angry, it would be unbearable for them and for us because (1) no one ever accepted and soothed their feelings, so the feelings themselves seemed unfamiliar and frightening, like strangers or foreigners, and (2) they needed validation from us for their worth because parenting was their primary identity, so if we were angry at them or generally miserable, that meant they were not worthy people.

Feelings are like waves in the sea. They ebb and flow naturally. If they get pumped up by parents who, in their lovingkindness, make a big deal about them (children are brilliant about which parental buttons work best) the children get frightened, and their feelings don't subside in a natural way.

Our experience of having feelings ignored, mocked or responded to with panic taught us to stuff them. We paid in inhibition, obsessive doubt and suppressed anger expressed passively. Our children pay for our response by using emotions as a weapon, and by a genuine feeling of being unable to tolerate any discomfort.

The solution requires some delicacy, but is actually less work and easier than the long scenes many par-

ents go through.

1. Tell the child what you see. "You're mad... sad... bored... disappointed... scared."

2. Empathize. Say: "That's rough."

Sometimes you might want to show you understand by sharing a story from your childhood. "I remember feeling that way when I was about your age, or... when my best friend did something like that to me, or... at one of my birthday parties... and so on." But don't do this every time, or you will teach your child that being upset is the best way to attract your attention and get you to tell tales of your youth, which most children love to hear.

3. Don't ask lots of leading questions! But, of course, be available if your child wants to talk.

4. Don't be afraid to reassure your child in an old-fashioned way. "I know you feel miserable now, but it will get better... it will be okay."

5. Most important of all, don't let bad feelings become the surefire trigger for lots of loving attention from Mom and Dad. Without denying emotional pain, you can focus on strength, and match your child's good cheer, strength, optimism and good deeds with your own.

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GARDENER'S CORNER

The sweetest pea of them all

By BATSHEVA MINK & DAVID BRAUNER

Have you noticed how our newer garden flowers seem to have lost their delicious aromas? Even a deep sniff produces little or no perfume.

What's happened? Our modern varieties are being bred to perfection, but sadly the feature that made many of them famous - scent - is missing.

But there is still one plant that combines a treasure of height, beauty, color and the luscious fragrance that earned it its name: the sweet pea.

The sweet pea belongs to the pea genus *Lathyrus*, which includes over 100 species of annuals. The originator of modern botany, Linnaeus (1707-78), dubbed this plant *Lathyrus odoratus* for its sugary bouquet. The Hebrew name *afuna rehanit* is an exact translation of the Latin.

The wild sweet pea was first identified in 1697 in Sicily by the monk Father Cupani. In 1700, he sent seeds to a London schoolmaster, Dr. Uvedale, who was one of the few people at the time to possess a heated greenhouse.

The seeds grew into a weedy looking plant, but one distinguished by an exceptionally sweet smell. A century later, its varieties had only increased to six, all with flowers as inconspicuous as the original. In other words, the sweet pea was at best an unimpressive garden plant.

However, in 1870 a Gloucestershire gardener by the name of Henry Eckford recognized a good, commercial thing when he smelled it. He started cross-fertilizing sweet peas for his blossoms. By 1900, of the 264 varieties shown at the sweet-pea exhibition at London's Crystal Palace, half had been raised by Eckford.

In the same year, the Countess

Spencer of Althorp (the great-grandmother of Diana, Princess of Wales), produced the first sweet pea with frilled petals. The variety was duly named after the countess, and almost overnight became a sensation. Since then, interest in this special flower has never waned, and today it is more popular than ever. As a commercial cut flower, many new and lovely shades have been introduced.

Like all pea flowers, sweet peas have a large upright, rounded petal (the banner), two narrow side petals (the wings) and two lower petals, which are sometimes united (the keel). The colors range from pale lavender to a rich purple, from white to cream, and from pink to deep hues of red. Many varieties are two-toned.

Sweet peas are annuals, plants which complete their growing cycle in one year. To support their height, they climb and twine by means of tendrils, which are thin, curly, modified leaves.

The sweet pea is suitable for large and small gardens, and grows happily in pots and boxes. Be careful not to overcrowd them in confined spaces, otherwise their flowering performance will be disappointing. Ten seeds in a large pot, evenly spaced, is more than enough.

Propagation and Planting: While many gardeners buy young plants from nurseries, sweet peas are inexpensive and easy to grow from seeds. They grow at their best when sown in late summer or early fall. Winter sowings may need protection from slugs and birds.

Sweet peas are very deep-rooting plants and look best growing in rows. So you have to loosen up the soil with a shovel or fork to about 30 cm. deep to introduce fresh air. Sprinkle plenty of compost (Hebrew, *kompost*, or *zevet*) on the row and rake level.

Sow the seeds thinly (not too close together) about 2 cm. deep, and cover them with a fine layer of soil. Water after sowing, and then regularly until germination. Pinch out the growing tips when the plant is 10-12 cm. high to induce bushiness.

If you have no time to prepare the ground, seeds may be sown in pots for transplanting at a later date. Two seeds to a small pot the size of a cottage-cheese container is fine.

Be careful when transplanting not to injure the roots. Like all pea family members, sweet peas hate their roots to be disturbed. You can cut away the bottom of your container, and plant the open-bottomed pot in the ground to avoid a setback in growth.

Remember, the earlier you get the plants growing, the better and stronger they will be for their



A delight to the eye - and a sniff of heaven



The sweet pea isn't picky: It will grow anywhere

spring show of flowers. And, importantly, the more flowers you pick, the more flowers you get, and for a longer period of time.

Faded flowers should be removed before seed pods can develop. If you want to save seeds for the next year, let the last of the flowers remain on the plant and pick the pods when they have turned yellowish-brown in color. Remove the seeds from the pods, and when they are dried out, put them in an envelope and store in a dry, airy place. They may also be wrapped in aluminum foil and kept refrigerated for up to two years.

Light: Sweet peas like an open, sunny site, but will also tolerate partial shade as long as they have at least four hours of sunlight a day. Too much shade tends to cripple them with mildew at the onset of spring.

Support: Provide these climbers with some sort of support, such as sticks, tree branches, a trellis, or a hedge. Well-grown plants can reach up to four meters high.

Watering: Make sure the soil does not dry out completely, because lack of moisture affects the size and quality of the flowers. To retain ground moisture, the plants may be mulched in spring and early summer. Mulch can be

grass cuttings, compost or even picked weeds.

Feeding: Sweet peas require a great deal of nourishment, so don't forget a weekly liquid feed.

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Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, P.O.B. 3943, Jerusalem 91039, or David Brauner e-mail: morri@ashur.cc.hu.ac.il

Tip of the week

To deter slugs from attacking seedlings or freshly planted specimens, sprinkle finely broken-up eggshells around the plants. Top up every 3-4 weeks, since the shell bits often get washed into the soil from rain or watering.

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Dog breath

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A six-and-a-half-year-old cocker spaniel bitch in Herzliya is causing her human companions no end of grief. Although the dog is kept clean and well groomed, the owner writes that "the smell of her breath is enough to floor you. It is foul and she drools all the time. This makes her very unpleasant to be with. Of course she suffers from the fact that we don't pet her as much as we used to until it all began, about a year ago."

Foul breath and excessive drooling often go hand in hand. But there may be totally separate symptoms with separate causes. However, in both cases there are things that must be done. The first step is to take the dog to a veterinarian and have her mouth thoroughly examined for decaying teeth, gum infection, and pockets between the cheek and gum where bacteria accumulate. Halitosis in dogs often stems from bacterial accumulations in the mouth on teeth and tongue - just as in humans.

If the veterinarian finds a problem, get it corrected. He may need to give the dog a mild anesthetic and clean and scale her teeth to get rid of excess plaque. Many dogs that don't chew enough to keep teeth clean develop this condition. The vet will also be able to treat any periodontal infection.

It is not unusual for "pockets" to form between the cheeks and the gums. This is where bacteria thrive. Many breeds of dog we call "soft mouthed," such as cockers,

bassets and Labradors, develop these mucous-membrane pockets as they age and facial wrinkles grow deeper.

These pockets, as well as the gums, can be treated with an anti-septic mouthwash. I recommend Gingesan, a herbal preparation available at pharmacies. Dogs seem to endure the taste better than they do the purely chemical mouthwashes.

Having ruled out or corrected problems in the mouth, note that both bad breath and drooling can be caused by digestive complaints. One should not feed starches such as potatoes, fresh bread or cooked rice to a dog unless she can tolerate them. Some dogs react badly, belching a great deal and expelling intestinal gases - all of which make for a less-than-pleasant companion. Similarly, some dogs do not digest kibbled dog food well because of the soya products in it.

The only way to deal with flatulence and digestive disturbances is by eliminating certain foods from the dog's diet, such as milk products or kibble, and watch the results. Try feeding single foods for a few days and note any changes. And be sure your dog has access to plenty of fresh water. Too many people think a dish of milk is as good as or even better than a drink of water. It isn't.

This may seem like a lot of trouble, but there are some conditions that cannot be remedied by a pill or a shot. They require intelligent application and some detective work. In the end, when your dog is clean and sweet-smelling, you will both be happier.

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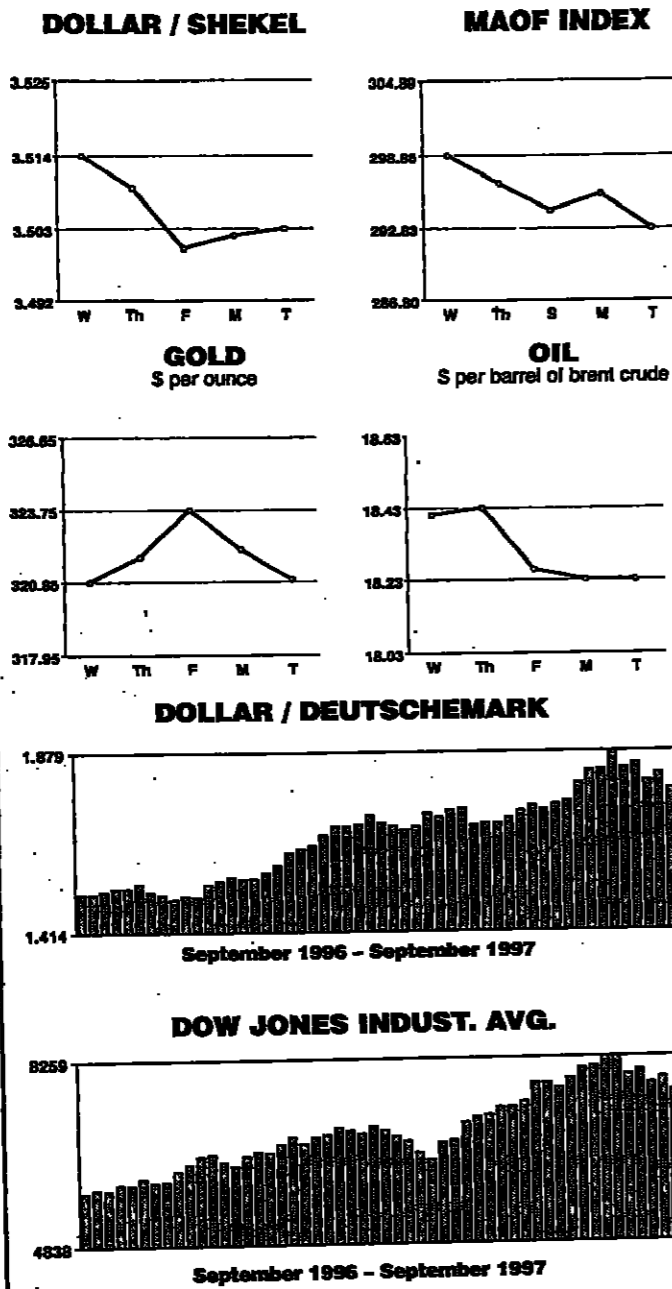
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Romanians can send cash via Postal Bank

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Judy Siegel

Caltex Petrol. to invest \$50m. here

Texaco-Chevron subsidiary is first foreign oil company to invest in Israel

By DAVID HARRIS

Texas-based Caltex Petroleum Corporation is to invest \$50 million in the local gas distribution market, making it the first foreign oil company to invest here, senior government sources said yesterday.

Confirmation of the size of the investment was provided by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, who refused to name the company involved, but said he had met its representatives along with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu three days ago.

A source close to Netanyahu said that the meeting was with Caltex.

"One of the leading oil companies in the world, I will not say more in order not to disclose [its identity], approached the prime minister and myself and advised that it was going to make an initial investment of \$50m. in Israel," said Neeman. "It's a small investment, but it's a company that never invested in Israel because of the Arab boycott."

Caltex representatives were also scheduled to hold meetings with private companies with a view to joint ventures in third companies, according to an industry source.

"I have been unable to reach those involved, as they are currently traveling, but I can con-

firm that Caltex people were in Israel recently," said the company's corporate communications director, Paul Murphy.

In terms of international oil contracts, the agreement, with an as yet unknown major local distributor, is comparatively small, but it is extremely significant, according to industry sources.

As a result of the success of the Arab boycott, no oil company has ever gone beyond the negotiation stage with regard to entering the local economy.

"During the peace process, most of the major oil corporations came to Israel, but did not invest here," former Energy Ministry director-general Yossi

Vardi said yesterday. "Perhaps they moved in too quickly."

Vardi, who was behind the oil agreement that accompanied peace with Egypt, urged caution. He also pointed to Amoco, which was involved in talks to supply the country with natural gas, but now appear to be no longer a partner.

"This will be wonderful if it happens," said one senior industry source. "From words to actions can take a long time."

It is also worth noting that the local fuel market is currently undergoing a process of liberalization, added the industry source.

Among the plans approved last month by the cabinet is the

opening of at least 100 new gas stations throughout the country. Caltex refines and markets petroleum in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Rim.

The company also holds an interest in 13 refineries in 11 countries, two lubricant refineries, 17 lubricant blending plants, six grease plants, six asphalt plants, and 526 ocean terminals and depots.

Through its subsidiaries, Caltex markets petroleum products through a network of more than 18,000 retail outlets in 30 countries. Caltex is a joint venture between Chevron and Texaco.

In 1996, Caltex generated \$16 billion in sales.

Intel Israel introduces new chip

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Intel announced yesterday that its Haifa laboratory has developed the company's mobile pentium processor, a chip that allows laptops to work 40 percent faster.

"Intel (Israel) is a nerve center of the company," said Dadi Permuter, director of the research and development center.

"We have created products that are main revenue generators, and we are continuing to develop cutting-edge products," Permuter said.

Several months ago, Intel (Israel) released the revolutionary MMX computer chip, which is now used in the majority of PCs currently being produced.

The mobile pentium chip allows computer manufacturers to build laptops that can compete with desktop units in terms of speed.

"Because this chip demands a lower current, computer manufacturers can supply a computer that increases the actual amount of available work time, and that's the most important thing for laptop users," said Muli Eden, who headed the development team.

The mobile pentium processor also allows computer makers to build machines that weigh just 1.2 kilograms.

The new chip is expected to cause a boom in the number of businesses that want to use laptops.

Previously businesses chose more cumbersome desktop computers because they tended to be faster than the handier, mobile units.

"As laptops become faster, we can expect more business to adopt them," said an analyst from Zannex Securities. "Eventually every computer will be a laptop."

Analysts said that the mobile pentium processor represents the next step toward hooking laptop computers to the Internet via cellular, or wireless, connections.

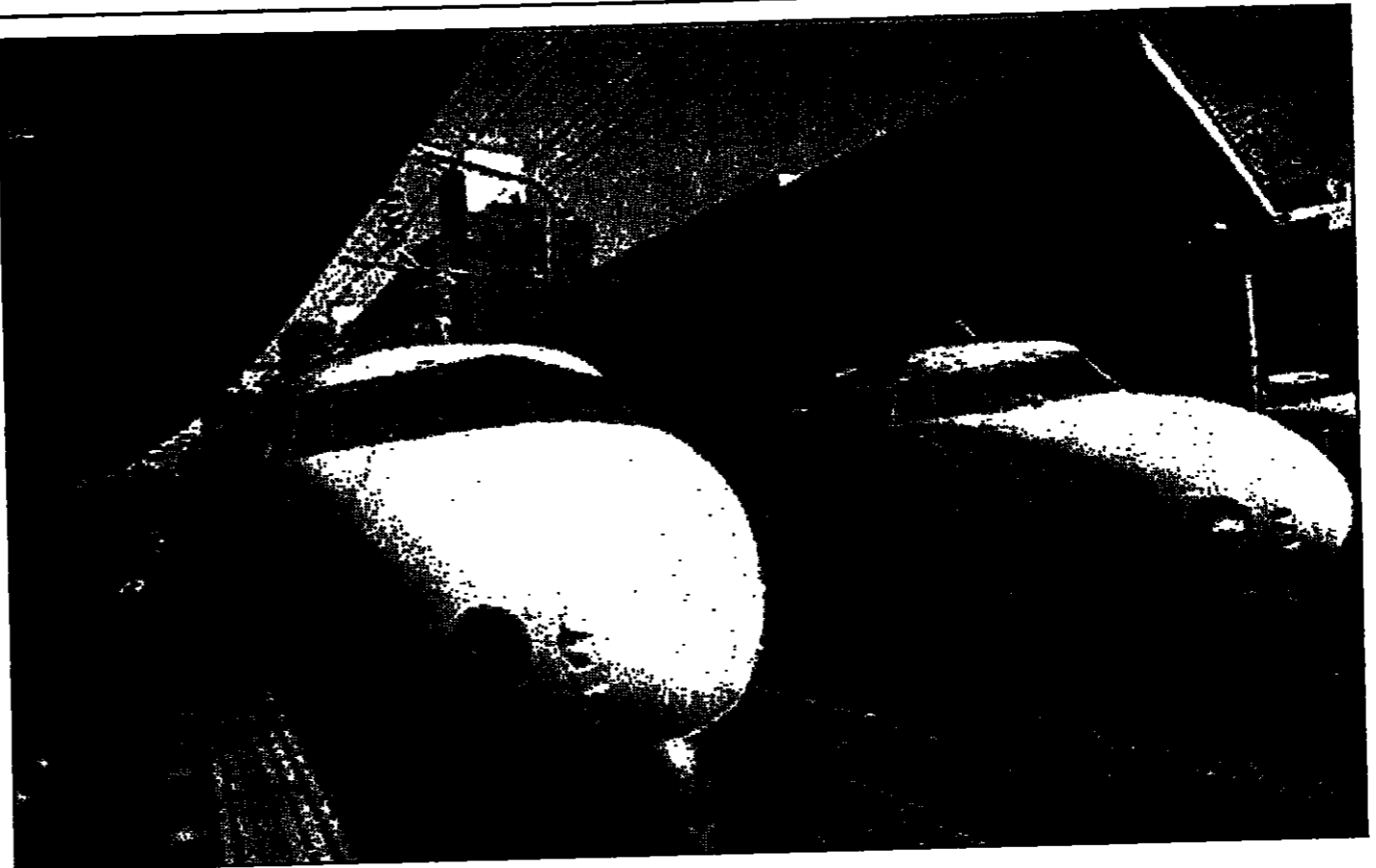
In the last few years, the Haifa plant, one of Intel's two international research and development centers, has been instrumental in developing the companies most advanced chips.

"Intel has gotten a huge return from a very small investment," the Zannex Securities analyst said.

The MMX chip cost \$100 million to develop, while PC's comprise a \$70 billion consumer market.

The mobile pentium processor cost substantially less to develop, since it was based on the already-developed MMX technology.

The company did not release exact figures for the cost of developing the laptop chip. Approximately 11 million-12 million laptops will be sold this year.



The Japanese bullet trains can reach a maximum speed of 300 kilometers per hour.

Japan's bullet train coming to Israel?

By DAVID HARRIS

Two Japanese corporations are studying the feasibility of introducing the shinkansen or bullet train to Israel, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said yesterday.

The shinkansen, whose maximum speed tops 300 kilometers per hour, would potentially reduce journey time between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to under 30 minutes and the Tel Aviv-Eilat

trip to a mere 75 minutes. Planners are also considering the prospect of linking the trains to regional capitals.

"Japanese companies are interested in investing in infrastructure in Israel, mainly in highways and railroads," said Neeman, who was in Japan last month. "I've been approached by two major Japanese companies who are studying how and whether they should introduce

the bullet train to Israel."

Nissho Iwai, Japan's sixth largest corporation and the 13th biggest worldwide, is working on feasibility studies for a railroad that would run from the Israeli side of the Dead Sea to the Red Sea via Jordan, said Koichi Naito, general manager of the company's Tel Aviv office.

Japan first set the pace for high-speed railways with the 1964 opening of the Tokaido

Shinkansen line between Tokyo and Osaka.

With its sleek appearance and record-breaking speeds, the shinkansen ('new trunk line' in Japanese) soon became known as the 'bullet train'. The original 0 series trains are still in operation today. The initial line to Osaka now extends to Hakata in the west, and more routes have been opened in the north and northeastern parts of Japan.

FDA okays Pharmos steroid

Firm expects \$70 million in sales over three years

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Pharmos and Bausch & Lomb recently announced that the US Food and Drug Administration sent an approvable letter for Lotemax, a topical ophthalmic steroid developed at Pharmos's research and development center in Rehovot.

Five-year-old Pharmos, a biotechnology company headquartered in Alachua, Florida that has

yet to sell its first product, says it expects Lotemax to generate \$70m. in sales over a three year period, beginning at the end of 1997.

"This means a lot for us," said CEO Haim Aviv, adding that Pharmos invested \$20-\$25m. to develop the drug.

The company rose slightly to close at \$2.46 after the announcement was made yesterday.

The approvable letter indicates that the companies have met most of the FDA's requirements. They must now address several technical issues, such as the wording on the packaging, before marketing the treatment.

Bausch & Lomb will manufacture and market Lotemax in the United States and Europe, and Pharmos will manufacture the active ingredient. Pharmos will receive between 25-30 percent of revenues. Pharmos and Bausch & Lomb are now trying to obtain clearance to market Lotemax in Europe and Israel.

Pharmos said Lotemax, the only such treatment for inflammation suffered by contact lens wearers,

does not cause side effects, such as elevated internal ocular pressure, or other eye treatments.

This is the third Israeli-developed, original drug to receive FDA approval. Teva's MS treatment, Copaxone, and a growth hormone developed by Biotechnology General previously gained entry to the US market.

Pharmos is currently developing three other ethical drugs for head injuries and strokes, post-cataract surgery conditions and ophthalmic allergies. Aviv said that the FDA's approval for Lotemax should help Pharmos get approval for the other treatments, since the leading ingredient is the same.

The company, which has filed a New Drug Application for the anti-allergy treatment, expects to receive FDA approval in early 1998.

Bausch & Lomb has rights to the ophthalmic treatments.

Earlier in the year, Pharmos and Chiron Corporation announced an agreement to jointly market a technology designed to make protein-based drugs such as insulin and beta interferon more effective.

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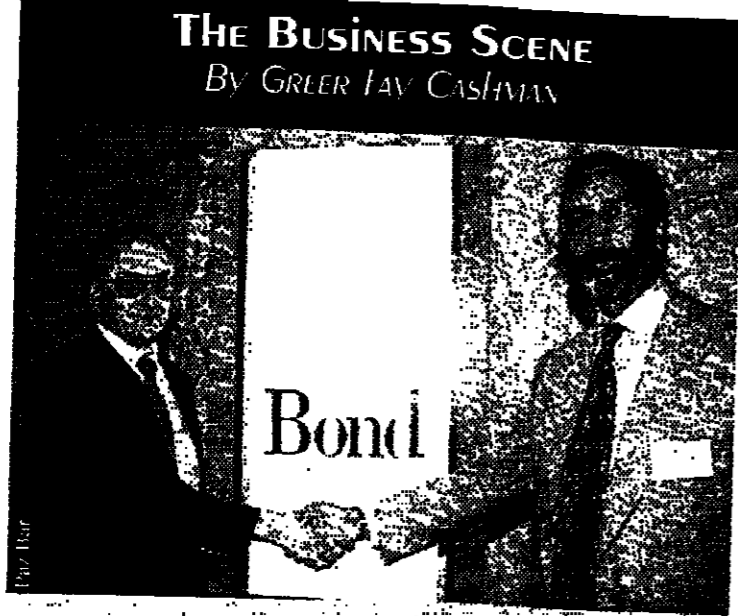
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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Despite all the legal suits being filed against cigarette companies in the US and Israel by smokers who believe that smoking caused them to become susceptible to life-threatening illnesses, new cigarette brands continue to flood the market. Case in point is Bond Street by Philip Morris, which is being marketed here by Menashe H. Eliazar. To mark its launching, a special reception was held at the Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv. Guest of honor was Surtidar Maud (right), regional representative for Philip Morris, who was greeted by Oded Eliazar, the managing director of the family-owned company.

Ettie Geller has been named head of Laser Clinics at Assuta Hospital. Among her previous positions, she was administrative and marketing manager of the Open University's School for Languages.

Pelex Communications has announced the appointment of Kobi Erez as deputy manager of customer services. Erez, 41, joined Pelex in 1992, and until his new appointment served as manager of the company's data systems. Erez was responsible for the establishment of Pelex's operating system and for the development of many of the company's projects.

Ya'ir Feldman has been named the manager of Manpower Information Technology, a subsidiary of Manpower Israel. Manpower is the world's largest provider of solutions to manpower problems. An economics and business management graduate of Bar-Ilan University, Feldman has held several senior management positions, among them projects manager at Elad Program Systems and supervisor of the computer unit at the Israel Air Force's flying school.

Prof. Moti Mironai has been named the academic head of the new club that will meet on a

quarterly basis to discuss the legal implications in work relations, management and human resources. The club, which was established within the framework of the Israel Management Center, will devote itself to the clarification of labor laws.

Yoram Orpani is the new general manager of Modan, one of the country's foremost manufacturers of bags and schoolbags. An engineering and business management graduate of the Haifa Technion, Orpani's previous positions have included plant manager of Israplast Industries and plant manager of Salvoplast Industries.

Yossi Cantor has resigned as general manager of Goldnet to take up the post of AT&T manager in Israel. He is the first Israeli manager to head local activities since AT&T established its offices in Israel. He replaces Liat Ben-Zur, who is returning to the US after four years of service. Cantor is being temporarily replaced by Ophir Bar-On, deputy marketing and sales manager for Goldnet. Bar-On is the leading candidate to permanently replace Cantor.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman has appointed lawyer Miri Katz as the new head of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The appointment becomes effective on September 21.

Giv'at Breiner Furniture has announced the appointment of Gil Fogel as its general manager. Fogel is an industrial engineering and business management graduate of Tel Aviv University. The Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishman Investment Bank has announced the appointment of Avi Lerezy as general manager of the bank's company financing division. Lerezy, 34, is a lawyer by training and holds an MBA from the prestigious Insead School in Fontainebleau, France.

The forces driving the TASE

By NEIL COHEN

How much faith do you have in Yaakov Neeman's powers of persuasion and ability to build an intelligent consensus around the budget cuts and economic reforms he proposes? Will the prime minister back him to the hilt, and will that get the job done? Will David Levy put aside personal electoral considerations and give intelligent thought to the nation as a whole for a little while? (Almost certainly not, to that last question.) And finally, where is Wall Street heading?

These are the main factors - not counting major political surprises - that will determine the direction of the TASE in the weeks and months to come. My crystal ball is pretty cloudy as far as internal politics goes. My sense is that Neeman is creative and determined enough to get some cuts through, but the strength of the opposition and interest groups within the coalition combined with the reactionary nature of the Netanyahu will stand in the way of Neeman accomplishing even close to what he wants. The outcome of the budget discussions for the market will likely fall somewhere between mildly negative and mildly positive. Only an extreme outcome will swing

the market sharply either way. Ironically, I think it will be the foreign markets that will have the most powerful influence over Tel Aviv in the short term.

There has been a marked drop off in market volume recently and most observers ascribe this to foreign investors' far greater wariness of emerging markets. The huge devaluations seen by the currencies of some of the leading Asian economies led to sharp falls in their stock markets. The result has been that investors are now pretty gun-shy when it comes to most nontraditional markets.

To cap all this, New York has been pretty nervous. Volatility has increased considerably and sharp rises and sharper falls have become an almost daily occurrence. Whatever one thinks about the valuation and future of the US market, this is bad news for equity investors and could well point to some short-term pain ahead. Most major markets have already headed south, albeit not very sharply. But any continuation or worsening of this situation will bode badly for world markets, and that includes Tel Aviv.

The primary market has pretty much dried up with several issues, including some pretty decent quality ones, pulled close to their scheduled offering date. While a

symptom of pessimism about the market, this has the positive effect of eliminating some excess supply, diverting demand into existing issues and thereby lending some support to the market.

There were rumors over the weekend that Indigo and Scitex were in merger talks. Both companies rushed to issue denials, and while Indigo's stock rose slightly on the rumor, it had no perceptible impact on Scitex. Both companies

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are clearly troubled, though Scitex seems to be showing some early signs of possible recovery. It is ironic that the most successful stock out of our two portfolios is the product of the merger of two ailing Israeli companies operating in more or less the same field. I refer, of course, to Orbotech, which was created out of the merger of Orbot and Oprotech. These two companies operated in the same market, which wasn't big enough for both of them to coexist profitably. The merger cre-

ated a much more efficient company with international market share of over 75 percent.

There are several reasons why I do not think a Scitex-Indigo merger will actually happen. In the Scitex release denying that talks were taking place, Scitex noted that it is interested in any route that would enhance shareholder value. Paradoxically, though, the one route it did not mention was putting up all or parts of its business for sale. Looking at things from the Scitex standpoint, it is hard to see how Scitex management could make an argument to its shareholders honestly justifying acquiring Indigo.

Indigo is sicker than Scitex, which itself is some way from getting its own house in order. While Indigo does have a strong technology base and product that Scitex could push through its better established distribution channels, for Scitex to give up a very big chunk of its equity for a bucketful of red ink doesn't seem to make sense. Then there are the issues of price and management, obstacles which have derailed many deals before.

One of the marks of successful investing is the ability to spot trends and themes ahead of time. If one tries to stand back from the TASE, one trend that seems inevitable is consolidation in the financial-services industry. Much of the developed world is overbanked and Israel is no exception. Strong unions will make closing branches and trimming workforces difficult, but as more and more of the banks enter private ownership, greater efficiency and higher profitability become inevitable. Over the coming weeks, we will be looking very closely at opportunities in the banking sector.

For some of the same reasons, I think there will be considerable consolidation in the insurance industry as a smaller number of better-capitalized insurers emerges, with some smaller players forced out of business and others acquired.

Ayalon Insurance is a small insurer which operates in both life and general insurance markets and has been pretty consistently profitable in both. The company is growing nicely, but is a small player in the overall scheme of the Israeli insurance scene. The company trades on a historic multiple of about seven times, which to me looks very cheap just on the fundamentals, but also makes the company a potential takeover candidate at a much higher price. So we are taking a small position in the aggressive portfolio.

For the new defensive portfolio, it is back to convertibles. The Al-Rov convertible trades at a 3.6% net yield to maturity. The company, which is one of the largest real-estate developers in Israel and boasts George on its shareholder list, has a solid balance sheet and sound profitability.

The convertible has six years to run and a conversion premium of about 50%. The conversion premium is a little high, but given that we are being paid nicely to sit and await developments, it doesn't terribly bother me.

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THE CONFERENCE CIRCUIT

18.9 More than 30 leading companies will talk about their individual cutting edge qualities at the Hambrecht & Quist-Tamir Fishman Communication and Internet Conference at the Tel Aviv Hilton. The various company presentations, which will run from 10 a.m. through to 6 p.m., will be preceded by analyses on worldwide market trends in communications and the Internet.

22.9 No matter how good a business may be, it can always improve through more effective management of human resources. This is the message that the Israel Business Institute seeks to convey in its Personal Capital '97 Conference on human resources in business. Those attending the conference at the Dan Panorama can expect a day of seminars and networking.

23.9 The Jerusalem Business Development Center, in conjunction with Israel Discount Bank, the Israel Export Institute and the Small Business Authority, will hold an evening seminar for beginning exporters, company owners and heads of businesses with export potential. Participants attending the seminar at the Chen Hotel, Jerusalem, will be introduced to the export network and the various processes required before export can get under way. They will also learn about marketing for export trade and what avenues of assistance are available to small businesses.

The Conference Circuit appears weekly on Tuesdays.

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Wright, Schmeichel: Birds of a feather

Last season the combative duo of Ian Wright and Peter Schmeichel were in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. This weekend both men were again worthy of a few column inches, for entirely the right reasons.

But rather than the kind of screaming headlines we witnessed during last season's long, drawn-out row over Schmeichel's supposedly racist comments to Wright after a particularly ill-advised challenge by the Arsenal striker, this time the pundits came to praise them.

LONDON CALLING

Manchester United and Arsenal, the two heavyweights of the Premiership, were not playing each other, so the attention was more to do with separate achievements by each man which once again contributed massively to their clubs' causes.

And given the historical significance of his contribution, it was Wright who grabbed most of the headlines. Fresh from two goals for England in the 4-0 midweek defeat of Moldova, he scored a hat trick against Bolton at Highbury, which saw him surpass and then build upon Cliff Bastin's 51-year record of 178 goals for the Gunners.

Since joining the Gunners from Crystal Palace in 1991, Ian Wright has done enough to warrant his own best alongside Herbert Chapman in the famous marble hall. He has averaged 29 goals a season for the past six seasons and he now stands on 180 Arsenal goals from 259 appearances. Not many would bet on him putting the record well out sight during the rest of this season. And Schmeichel? Well, no landmark achievement to speak of from him during the 2-1 defeat of West Ham which saw United move ominously to the top of the Premiership.

Truth be told, he didn't put in a particularly good performance. He was wrong-footed by Gary Pallister's weak back header and John Harrison nipped in to open the scoring for the Hammers. And late in the game Schmeichel nearly contrived to drop an innocent attempt on goal behind him and into the net. Yet with United already 1-0 down, Paul Kitson raced through on goal with the chance to give the visitors an even bigger lead. Call it positioning, call it presence but Schmeichel raced from his goal, blocked the attempt and the moment had passed.

Yet as West Ham manager Harry Redknapp admitted the save was the turning point. Once again Schmeichel had literally saved United. At first glance, there might not seem to be much in common between a 6-foot-4 blond, Danish goalkeeper whose public utterances verge on the non-existent and a black, Woolwich-born striker with a neat supply of one-liners who has become the media's favorite sound bite supplier.

Yet if one looks a little deeper

it is remarkable how similar these two very different characters really are in terms of their influence on the game.

Born just fifteen days apart in November 1963, both exhibit a kind of talismanic presence in their side. Ink in Schmeichel's name on the team sheet and opposing forwards know they will be facing up to a man who has made "thou shalt not pass" his own special commandment during his six years at Old Trafford.

Much was made of Eric Cantona's influence in securing four Premiership titles in five seasons during his topsy-turvy tenure of that famous No. 7 shirt. Yet during those five seasons, it was the brooding, brawling, brilliant Schmeichel who ensured that a team renowned for its wonderful goal scoring wasn't half bad at stopping the opposition having a sniff too.

Similarly, when Wright lines up for Arsenal, chances are that the opposition is already bracing itself, if it possibly can, for the unexpected. Frighteningly, even before the club invested in big-name partners such as Dennis Bergkamp and Marc Overmars, Wright was still banging them in with aplomb, very often carrying almost single-handed responsibility for the goals in some rather dull, defensive Arsenal sides.

His relationship with the adoring Highbury faithful speaks volumes for the high regard in which he is held. When the chant of "Wright, Wright" rolls down the North Bank, it isn't the sound of hero worship, more a connection between player and punter which most footballers can't hope to achieve.

And yet in the case of both Wright and Schmeichel, we will perhaps never know how close they have come in recent times to leaving their clubs. Certainly, during Bruce Rioch's troubled reign as Arsenal manager, it did appear Wright was on borrowed time. His relationship with Rioch fell to such a low that the public rows and moody body language only served to create the impression that he might be on his way. But when the parting eventually came, it was Rioch who was leaving and Wright was free to continue knocking them in, this time under the seemingly more caring, cultured reign of Arsene Wenger.

Schmeichel, too, was close to leaving. Stories came that the big man was having talks with Alex Ferguson about moving on. It was suggested that he was concerned about the future education of his son and a move back to Scandinavia might be high on the family agenda.

Both men are proud and committed to their cause, which sometimes spills over into some rather expansive posturing and gesturing on the field of play.

Indeed, that may be at the root of last year's little spat - two emotional, strong-willed characters clashing in the high-octane atmosphere of a top of the table clash.



CLOSING IN - Brugge's Khalilou Fadiga (second from right) seeks a way through Betar's Sergei Tartiak (5), Jan Telesnikov (4) and Yossi Abuksis (8). (Brian Hendler)

Betar eclipse Brugge, 2-1

By DEREK FATTAL

The City of Gold was treated to 90 minutes of pulsating soccer last night as Betar Jerusalem took the European stage by storm, registering a deserved 2-1 victory over Belgium's FC Brugge in the first round opening leg of their UEFA Cup tie.

Betar's Hungarian duo of Istvan Pishont and Sefan Saloi proved their caliber on the night as each fired into the goal of Brugge keeper Dany Vanderlinden in the opening minutes of the second half to send the home fans into ecstasy, only for the Belgians to swiftly regain their senses and hit back in the 57th minute through Moroccan Nordin Jbari for a vital away goal.

The 8,000 spectators witnessed a Betar performance to savor, crowned by a lunar eclipse over Teddy Stadium as the final whistle blew.

Brugge coach Eric Gerets was full of praise for his counterpart Dror Kashtan in the post-match press conference, rightly pointing

out that "Betar's game was full of quality. They moved the ball speedily from defense to attack to threaten us again and again on the break, and had the quality to get back and defend to make life difficult for our attack."

Although Gerets claimed not to be surprised by the briskeness of the Jerusalemite offense, Stefan Saloi in particular and the hard-working Nir Sevilla repeatedly caused panic with their searing runs at the Belgian defense.

The action moved breathtakingly from end to end as both sides threw everything into attack from the kickoff in a physical game that was allowed to flow by the Swedish referee. The Betaris had the better of the early skirmishes. Kashtan's tactics were to keep midfielders Pishont and Yossi Abuksis in deep positions with the two of them releasing long balls to the ever-mobile Saloi and Sevilla, the former almost getting on to the scoresheet twice in consecutive moves midway through the first period.

In the opposite goalmouth, smart work on the right by Gert Veyheyen saw the ball repeatedly fed into the box towards Jbari, by far the most dangerous of the visitors' three front men.

Unlike the previous European bout against Sporting Lisbon, the Jerusalemites' work in the opposition area possessed real venom, and Vanderlinden was left counting his lucky stars when Pishont rapped the crossbar with a wicked dipping shot six minutes before the interval.

A free kick one minute after the restart provided the basis for a glorious goal from Pishont who jinked forward with the ball to escape the attention of three defenders before releasing a thunderous shot into the top right-hand corner of the Brugge net.

With the Belgians still dazed, Pishont returned a wall pass with Saloi in the 50th minute, who unleashed another unstoppable shot to put Betar 2-0 up.

Perhaps surprised by their own

success, or just hindered by lack of experience at this level, the Jerusalemites then lost all semblance of organization and allowed their visitors to dictate the rest of the match. With Betar's midfield nowhere to be seen, Brugge hammered at the door, and the non-stop pressure was repaid by a goal from Jbari in the 57th minute as the Betar defense stood gaping.

As the moon faded from view, someone up there certainly seemed to favor the hosts as attack after attack was repelled in hap-hazard fashion to the increasing consternation of Brugge's famed captain Franky Van Der Elst.

The only blot on the landscape from an Israeli perspective - besides Jbari's goal - was the abhorrent racist chanting of Betar's "fans" against the Belgian side's two black players. The same conduct against Sporting resulted in a moderate fine being imposed by UEFA, but this clearly failed to curb the practice. It is to be hoped that Europe's governing body will

take a much stiffer line this time around to assure that the Betar management take real action to stop this menacing behavior.

While it is unlikely that the one-goal victory margin will be enough to take Betar through to the next round of the competition, this performance should be appreciated for what it was - a fine display on a magical night.

Betar Jerusalem: Itzik Kornfein, Eitan Mizrahi (Shmulik Levy 46), Sergei Tartiak, Alon Harazi, Yossi Abuksis, David Amsalem, Jan Telesnikov, Istvan Pishont, Stefan Saloi, Istvan Hamer (Ra'anan Deri 65), Nir Sevilla.

FC Brugge: Dany Vanderlinden, Eric Deflandre, Pascal Renier, Vital Borkelmans, Franky Van Der Elst, Gert Verheyen, Loris Staelens, Khalilou Fadiga, Gert Claessens (Maxime Dhore 78), Nordin Jbari, Eric Addo.

In other UEFA Cup action last night, hosts Rapid Vienna beat Hapoel Petah Tikva 1-0, following a 37th-minute strike by Oliver Freund.

Celtic, Liverpool draw; Arsenal upset; Inter roll

LONDON (AP) - The first installment of the "Battle of Britain" ended in a 2-2 draw yesterday between Celtic and England's Liverpool in one of 32 games in the first round, first leg of the UEFA Cup.

The end-to-end rivalry before a 50,000 sellout at Parkhead stadium in Glasgow won't be settled until the second leg on September 30 in Liverpool.

Steve McManaman saved Liverpool with a blistering goal from 20 yards in the 90th minute to equalize.

Celtic, who fell behind 1-0 on a sixth-minute goal in the first half by 17-year-old Michael Owen, came back in the second half with a goal in the 52nd by Jackie McNamara and the go-ahead strike in the 73rd on a penalty by Simon Donnelly that beat Liverpool goalkeeper David James.

Arsenal, another of the favorites along with Liverpool to win the Premier League, were upset by PAOK Salonica 1-0 on a goal in the 61st by Costas Frantzeskos, who scored on a left-footed shot from 12 yards.

Arsenal played the match without Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp, who refuses to fly and decided a trip over land trip would take too long.

Girondins Bordeaux and Aston Villa played to a scoreless draw.

Spain's Athletic de Bilbao upended Italy's Sampdoria 2-1 on a goal in 19th by Roberto Rios and another in the second half by Javi Gonzalez. Sampdoria's goal was in the 73rd by French midfielder Alain Boghossian. In Milan, Brazilian teammates Ronaldo

and Ze Elias scored second-half goals to give star-studded Internazionale of Milan a 2-0 victory against Swiss side Neuchatel Xamax.

Inter's widely expected victory against the Swiss underdogs at Milan's San Siro stadium came following a lackluster first half which ended 0-0.

Slovenian side Maribor Tezanic put up a spirited fight against Ajax, forcing the Dutch giant to settle for a 1-1 draw in Maribor.

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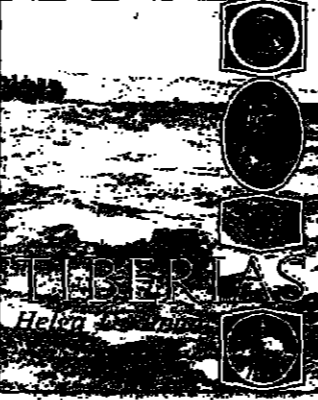
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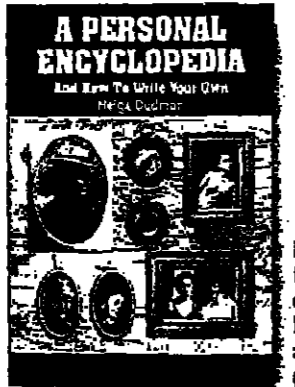
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Newcastle face Spanish giants

LONDON (AP) - Sir John Hall used FC Barcelona as a model when he built Newcastle United into an English soccer power. So it's only fitting that the biggest game in Newcastle's history finds the Magpies taking on the Spanish giants.

Today's Champions League game in Newcastle comes just 48 hours after Hall announced he was resigning as club chairman in December following six years in charge.

Hall helped rescue Newcastle from the threat of bankruptcy and relegation to the old third division. Spending £100 million in less than six years, he brought in stars like Alan Shearer and assembled a club which challenged for the Premier League title last season.

With Kenny Dalglish as manager, Newcastle will test themselves in elite European competition for the first time - against one of the powerhouses of European soccer and winner of last year's Cup Winners Cup.

Newcastle are missing Shearer, still out with a leg injury, and coming off a 3-1 home defeat to Wimbledon last weekend.

Barcelona, under new manager Louis van Gaal, lead the Spanish

league standings after three games. Midfielder Pep Guardiola, Brazilian Giovanni and Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia are all out with injuries.

Newcastle-Barcelona is one of 12 Champions League games today, two in each of the six groups.

Defending champion Borussia Dortmund field a weakened team for its game in Turkey against Galatasaray, with five regulars missing.

Juventus, who play at home against Dutch club Feyenoord Rotterdam, have a lineup featuring star forwards Alessandro del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi and French midfielders Didier Deschamps and Zinedine Zidane.

Feyenoord has gotten off to a slow start, with two wins and three draws in its first five Dutch league matches.

Injuries have hobbled English champion Manchester United before their game against Kosice in Slovakia. Ryan Giggs, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, David May, Terry Cooke, Jordi Cruyff and Ronny Johnsen are all out. But the team got a boost yesterday when striker Teddy Sheringham said he has nearly fully recovered from broken ribs.

SCOREBOARD

English League Cup, second round, first leg: Blackpool 1, Coventry 0; Burnley 0, Stoke 4; Chesterfield 1, Barnsley 2; Fulham 0, Wolverhampton 1; Huddersfield 1, West Ham 0; Hull 1, Crystal Palace 0; Ipswich 1, Torquay 1; Leyton Orient 1, Bolton 3; Luton 1, West Bromwich 1; Middlesbrough 1, Barnet 0; Notts County 0, Tranmere 2; Oxford 4, York 1; Reading 0, Peterborough 0; Scunthorpe 0, Everton 1; Southend 0, Derby 1; Sunderland 2, Bury 1; Watford 1, Sheffield United 1; Wimbledon 5, Millwall 1.

Ra'anana, Eilat win in EuroCup hoops

By ELI GRONER

Israeli clubs utilized the home-court advantage last night as Maccabi Ra'anana and Hapoel Eilat swept to victories in EuroCup action over Austria's St. Polten and Britain's London Towers, respectively.

Ra'anana 76, St. Polten 70

After two subpar games in local National League play, Paul Thompson gave a huge performance, scoring 23 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, to lead Ra'anana to victory in its European debut.

While Thompson was solid throughout, Mark Brisker provided the biggest basket of the night: a fadeaway jumper with two minutes left that gave Ra'anana a 69-66 advantage. Brisker (16 points) was fouled on the play, converted the ensuing free throw, and gave Ra'anana a comfortable lead that it preserved.

Morocco facing sanctions after Davis Cup forfeit

PARIS (AP) — Morocco could be kicked out of the Davis Cup for refusing to play in Israel this week.

Morocco cited security concerns for forfeiting the match, while Israel blamed politics for the decision.

Morocco was scheduled to play in Tel Aviv beginning Friday in the playoff for Euro-African Zone Group 1. The winner would advance to Group 1, with the loser relegated to Group 2.

The International Tennis Federation said Morocco submitted its team names 10 days before the match, in compliance with the rules. But Moroccan tennis officials later said the team would not go to Israel and would forfeit the match.

The ITF said the Davis Cup Committee would discuss any sanctions to be taken against Morocco at its next scheduled meeting October 7 in London.

According to Davis Cup regulations, any nation withdrawing from the competition is not eligible to take part in the competition the following year.

Moroccan tennis officials had requested the ITF to ask Israel to provide adequate security for the match. The ITF Committee of Management made the request and Israel said it was able to provide the security.

Morocco maintained the security was not enough for its team, officials and fans and withdrew. The requests came in the wake of two recent bombings in Jerusalem.

The Israeli Tennis Association was informed of the Moroccan decision, according to ITA director general Yair Engel.

"We deeply regret that at the end of the 20th century politics was allowed to interfere with sport," Engel said.

SPORTS in brief

New look to NHL All-Star Game

VANCOUVER (AP) — The NHL's All-Star game this season will have an international flavor with the North American All-Stars taking on the World All-Stars.

The game will be played Sunday, January 18, at General Motors Place in Vancouver, just three weeks before many of the same players compete in the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

Under the new format, the top NHL players representing Canada and the US will face the top NHL players from the rest of the world. The starting lineups for both clubs will be selected in fan balloting.

Positive tests for steroids increase by 80%

LONDON (AP) — Ninety athletes tested positive for banned drugs in Britain over the past year, with an alarming 80 percent increase in findings for use of anabolic steroids, the UK Sports Council reported yesterday.

The council's annual anti-doping study reported that 98% of athletes tested negative in 4,469 controls carried out in 1996-97.

"It is a great testament to the integrity of our athletes... a result that confirms that the vast majority of our athletes compete drug free," said Michele Verroken, director of the council's anti-doping division.

Of the 90 positive findings, the majority were for stimulants (40) and anabolic agents (27).

Spaniard pulls out of British Masters

LONDON (AP) — Miguel Angel Martin, still fighting to be included on Europe's Ryder Cup team, yesterday withdrew from this week's British Masters because of continuing problems with his wrist.

The 35-year-old Spaniard hasn't competed since missing the cut at the British Open on July 18 and had wrist surgery last month.

He was removed from the team two weeks ago when he refused to play to prove he was healthy.

Martin asked European team officials to wait until the British Masters, which starts tomorrow, to decide if his wrist had healed enough to allow him to play against the US in the Ryder Cup, which begins in Spain on September 26.

Martin has threatened to sue after being dropped from the Ryder Cup. His removal allowed Spanish captain Seve Ballesteros to elevate the No. 11 player — Jose Maria Olazabal — to the team and still select Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik.

Inaugural Ali Cup amateur boxing tournament under way

LOUISVILLE (AP) — The city of Louisville welcomed home its most beloved son Monday to kick off an international amateur boxing tournament that bears his name.

Slowly, Muhammad Ali rose, smiled and rang the ringside bell three times to signal the opening of the inaugural Muhammad Ali Cup International Amateur Boxing Challenge at the Commonwealth Convention Center.

Members of the 21 countries represented in the event marched into the arena bearing the flags of their home nations.

The event is expected to raise more than \$1 million for a planned Ali museum and education center in Louisville and several USA Boxing youth programs. It also will help determine members of the US team that will compete at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, in October.

"We are proud to be here on this unique occasion — a boxing competition in the name of the greatest of the great boxers the world has ever produced," said



Anwar Chowdhry of Pakistan, the president of the International Amateur Boxing Association. "It is my wish and desire that this tournament should become an annual feature.

Nearly 100 boxers from more than 20 nations are to compete in the tournament.

The week will be capped by a star-studded tribute to amateur boxing, featuring the first appearance of Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield together since their June fight in which Tyson was disqualified for twice biting Holyfield on the ear. The tribute will feature a mini concert by singer Natalie Cole; a reading of Ali's words by actor James Earl Jones; jokes by comedian and actor Jeff Foxworthy; and some lighthearted rounds of boxing, featuring the likes of Holyfield and Tyson taking on local celebrities, such as Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith and Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum.

There also will be three mini rounds of sparring with Ali and other boxing greats, with the cost of climbing into the ring starting at \$50,000.

Report: Bobby Robson headed to Benfica

LISBON (AP) — English manager Bobby Robson will move to Lisbon to coach Benfica, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Benfica officials are unhappy with head coach Manuel Jose after Benfica's 1-1 draw Sunday against Academica in the third round of the Portuguese league and are looking to Robson as the replacement, according to the daily *Diario de Noticias*.

The 64-year-old Robson was replaced by Luis Van Gaal as FC Barcelona's head coach this season after a second place finish in the Spanish league last year. He is now Barcelona's general manager.

Robson, who coached the 1990 English national team, came to Barcelona from FC Oporto, where he guided the team to two league titles in 1995 and 1996.

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Acre 1997: The show must go on

By HELEN KAYE

That theater artists have been pouring their creative blood and guts into the Acre Festival for the last four months has been lost in the ugly and unnecessary furor surrounding its funding. If the Acre Festival opens as planned on October 18, and that opening is by no means assured, there will be 14 plays in competition. Six of them will come from the Hammama (Hothouse) — first plays by the younger generation — as well as the street theater, which has become another festival tradition.

"The groups feel wretched," says festival artistic director Itzik Weingarten. "They feel humiliated, dispirited and demoralized, but they keep working. 'We're doing it for you and Gadi,' they tell me. 'We see how hard you're working and that gives us strength.'"

Gadi is festival producer Gad Oron, and the two have been working relentlessly since January to pry the promised NIS 1.5 million subsidy out of the Ministry of Education and Sports. The cumulative crises came to a head last week when the festival, for the third time this year, was promised an immediate infusion of NIS 250,000, contingent upon the receipt of a provisional balance sheet from the Arts and Culture Financial Trust (ACFT). ACFT was also ordered to sign contracts with the artists "forthwith."

Both promise and demands were enshrined in a handwritten memo to the ACFT from Dr. Dan Rommen, head of the ministry's cultural section whose executive arm is the Arts and Culture Administration, to which the ACFT is subordinate.

The memo might have remained unwritten if Weingarten and a busload of Acre Festival participants hadn't made a last-ditch camp outside the ministry gates last Thursday, demanding to see Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, who has played



Itzik Weingarten in 'Dancing for Daddy,' in 1993. As artistic director for the Acre Theater Festival, he is frustrated by the lack of funds, yet he hopes that 'audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else.'

an absentee role in the entire fracas.

"The security guards at the ministry were very sympathetic," says Weingarten. "They understood our frustration and kept running up to the office begging [director-general] Benzion Dell to see us. Then, when they finally had to call the police because we

were making so much noise and insisting on coming in, they were so apologetic."

That was the moment when Dell invited a delegation into the office, which resulted not only in the memo but in a lengthy press release in which Dell expressed amazement that anybody might even think the minister

was interested in choking the festival. After all, he said "Hammer gave the green light to the first festival 18 years ago and was the minister for 11 festivals thereafter."

Red tape is responsible, said Dell soothingly, but now everything had been sorted out and the funds would flow. After all, the

festival had already received NIS 1.05 million. What he did not say was that, according to ACFT chairman Uri Ofer and not denied by the ministry, about 40% of this money had been diverted to other ACFT projects by ministry orders.

This year's festival is already smaller because its budget was slashed from NIS 4.2m. to NIS 3m. in June when the Treasury ordered 10% cuts across the board and that included the cultural budget. There are no visiting companies from abroad, no guest productions, and only local street-theater companies.

However, none of this numerical wrangling makes a bit of difference to the artists who have been digging into their own pockets for everything from paying for rehearsal space to putting the down payment on a pile of lumber for the set. They are supposed to get advances for these expenses.

Year after year, the Acre Festival attracts eager unknowns and some of the brightest names in Israeli theater.

They go to renew themselves, like Cameri actress Zaharira Harifa'i, who's directing an original play by Ephraim Cohen, *Fragments*. She doesn't want to talk to anybody because she's frazzled, running around trying to get rehearsal space.

Or they go to do something different, like Idit Zur and Gideon Shterner, who decided that Acre was the right place to do a play based on Aharon Appelfeld's novella *Kaarina*. Zur said she was sorry she ever had the idea to come to Acre and asked, "will I have to sell my house because of bureaucrats who don't care?"

Or they go to carry on with their chosen genre, like Gabi Eldor who has been working in fringe for the last 20 years. "Our experience has been so dreadful, I've become hardened to financial difficulties," she says. "Because we're crazy about the theater, the perception is that we'll go on anyway, and even if we do get money after

endless, endless bureaucracy, it's about enough to pay for one costume at Habimah."

She and long-time associate Yigal Ezrati are doing a very physical movement theater piece called *The Alley of White Chairs*, which traces the history of an alley beside an old Jaffa house that once belonged to an Arab, now a Jordanian citizen, who comes back to see his old home. *Tonight We Dance*, Eldor's last piece at Acre, won first prize in 1990.

Truly original multimedia performance artist Anat Ben-David is creating *Bits and Pieces* in which she performs with others for the first time.

Yossi Carmon, another Cameri theater stalwart, is directing *The POW*, a play by Yossi Hadar. Daniella Carmi's *Azmat* looks at the experiences of two formerly mentally ill women.

The Hammama plays include *Peep Show* by Yael Ruby, with guidance from theater artist and critic Amir Uryan; *Stepan*, which creator Ronny Simai calls a comedy about a non-political murder; and *Inertude*, a compilation from the students allied to the innovative Acre Theater Center.

The four-day Acre Festival usually attracts some 300,000 people. There has been talk that audiences will stay away because of the controversy this year's festival has aroused, an idea that Weingarten dismisses.

"The audiences will come to support the festival if nothing else. I know a lot of families who make the festival their Succot activity," he asserts.

By yesterday morning none of the promised money had yet been paid. Oron and ACFT general manager Galit Bursensky were once again on their way to Jerusalem, hopeful that the funds would be paid in this morning.

"We're very hopeful," she said. So are we all. So much for promises.

The Talking Heads may be history, but David Byrne keeps inventing himself

By DAVID SEGAL

It's encore time at the Strand nightclub in Providence, Rhode Island, and for a few eerie moments David Byrne seems to shuffle around the stage without his flesh.

The former frontman for the band Talking Heads, and one of rock's most charmingly inventive weirdos, Byrne is wearing a head-to-toe bodysuit of painted-on muscle and bone. With the lights dimmed, it looks as if the guy on the cover of *Gray's Anatomy* has come to life and is searching hard for a pain-killer and a glass of water.

"I can't seem to face up to the facts," he deadpans to the crowd of about 2,000. "I'm tense and nervous and I can't relax."

The melody is familiar, but the delivery is new. When Byrne sang "Psycho Killer" in 1977, he came off as a jittery neurotic who was close to actually cracking. Now 45, Byrne has turned the tune into ghouliness, witty theater.

"I'm less a tense-and-nervous-can't-relax kind of guy," said Byrne the morning after the show. "I think I'm much more inclusionary, bringing new ideas and stuff in. And I'm not as shy as I used to be."

For the first time in his two-decade career, Byrne finally seems comfortable in his own skin. Touring in support of his fifth and finest solo record, *Feelings*, he has shed much of the ethereal diffidence and edgy intensity he's radiated since his varied adventures as a pop star and multimedia artist began.

Melding elements of new wave, funk, African tribal rhythms and whatever else caught his ear, Byrne has spent much of the past 20 years crafting records as playfully befuddling as they are danceable.

First with Talking Heads and later as a solo artist, his music seemed to offer listeners several options: They could puzzle over the semi-sensical lyrics; try to decipher Byrne's cryptic onstage mannerisms; or just hit the floor and boogie.

He also has collaborated with avant-garde artists like composer Philip Glass and choreographer Twyla Tharp, and starred in the much-acclaimed 1984 concert film *Stop Making Sense*.

In 1986 he directed his own movie, *True Stories*, and the following year won an Academy Award for his soundtrack for Bernardo Bertolucci's *The Last Emperor*. Through it all, he has projected that oddest of public personae: the introverted celebrity.

Byrne still occasionally resembles an unblinking mad scientist who'd rather be in his lab. But more than a decade after he showed up on the cover of *Time* magazine, anointed as "Rock's Renaissance Man," he sounds more at peace with fame's klieg lights than ever.

"Getting on stage was a form of compensation for a long time," he said, looking the same as he ever did, with just a few flecks of gray intruding on his close-cropped dark hair. "It's as though shy peo-



The David Byrne of old (above) has shed much of his edgy intensity and seems to finally be comfortable in his own skin.

ple need to perform or they're going to pick up a gun and kill a bunch of people or do something obsessive like write a great novel. I guess today when I'm up there, I'm compensating for something else — like having to live a normal life."

"Normal" might be overstating it. Byrne has some trappings of normality these days, including a wife, Bony Lutz, and an eight-year-old daughter named Malu. When he isn't touring the world, he lives in Manhattan and helps run Luaka Bop, a label he founded in 1988 to produce his music and that of world-beat acts he likes.

As he comes out of his shell and moves into middle age, however, Byrne is making few concessions to conventionality.

Family values be damned — the man is a full-time itinerant artist, spending most of his days combing the globe for new influences to blend into his music and new artists to record.

A collection of photographs taken during his wanderings, culled from his 1995 book *Strange Ritual*, is now touring museums. "My wife puts up with a lot of

crap," he said with an impish grin. "But if I had a regular 9-to-5 job, I'd go nuts."

Unlike a lot of aging hipsters and rock icons who run out of ideas when they grow up, Byrne is brimming with new projects. And judging from the crowd that showed up to dance, sing along and gawk the opening night of the tour, he also has a new audience to confuse.

Many of the fans at the recent Providence show weren't even born in 1975, the year that Byrne, along with Chris Frantz and Tina Weymouth, formed Talking Heads a few blocks away at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Others said they were introduced to his music by, of all people, their parents.

"Everybody should be so hip when they get that old," said twentysomething Amanda Grogan, after the show.

To fans who remember the elaborate stagecraft and minion of musicians from *Stop Making Sense*, the new show will seem as spare as karaoke.

Lacking the finances for a huge production and no longer hitting the charts, Byrne focuses the audience's visual attention on his

own eye-grabbing costumes and perplexing gestures. The result is a set that proves that few spectacles are quite as entertaining as an intelligent man doing something silly.

Accompanied by a three-piece band and a single backup singer, he arrived in a two-piece suit of fluffy, hot-pink angora and belted out a tic-filled version of "Once in

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a Lifetime," a 1980 Talking Heads hit.

Later, he donned a kilt and a green T-shirt for his salsa-flavored new single, "Miss America," swishing his hips like Ricky Ricardo doing a rumba in a skirt.

"Rather than carrying around all the elaborate scenery and paraphernalia that I've sometimes used in the past and can't really afford now, I decided that I would just have a bunch of costumes made," he said. "I figured I could just wear the set, and the whole thing would fit in a trunk."

An equally original — and economical — concept spawned the 13 songs on *Feelings*.

After making about 20 rough-cut song demos, he sent the tapes to musician-producers he admires, including the British trip-hop trio Morcheeba, Seattle's Black Cat Orchestra, and self-proclaimed Devo. All were invited to choose a few songs they liked enough to help him record. Then he traveled to their studios and together they laid down the tracks.

If that sounds like the recipe for a messy hodgepodge, the surprise is that *Feelings* is easily Byrne's most irresistible solo record to date. It has heartfelt ballads (the lushly orchestrated torch song "They Are in Love"), a guitar thrasher ("The Gates of Paradise") and several futuristic-feeling dance numbers ("Miss America" and "Dance on Vaseline").

Even when the talent for hooks and melodies falters, his non-sequitur observations intrigue. ("When dogs make love they don't look at themselves/Checking out each other by the way they smell," he explains in "Burnt by the Sun.")

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Bombing scares off action hero

The US producers of Harrison Ford's new movie, *The Age of Aquarius*, canceled their three-week shoot in Israel following the September 4 suicide bombing in Jerusalem, the head of an Israeli production company said Tuesday.

The American producer, Branco Lustig, cited concern for the safety of the crew and actors and the fact that he could not obtain war-risk insurance, said Zvi Spielman, head of the Israeli production company Israfilm. The scenes that were to be filmed in Israel will

now be shot in Morocco, Spielman said.

According to Spielman, a government-owned insurance company used to offer war-risk insurance to foreign movie productions. The program was canceled in 1992.

He said the bombing also scared off American director William Friedkin, who was considering shooting a movie in Israel based on the book *O Jerusalem!*. Friedkin had second thoughts because actors would not agree to come to Israel for security reasons. (AP)



Mark Knopfler (far left), Sir Paul McCartney and Sting (far right) pose with Sir George Martin before the Music for Montserrat benefit concert in London Monday. (AP)

Pop stars rally in support of Montserrat

Pop music legends drew a capacity crowd to London's Royal Albert Hall for a concert that raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the people of the stricken volcanic island of Montserrat, a British colony.

"This concert is a gesture to show the people of Montserrat that somebody is thinking of them," Sir Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, told the audience of 4,500 on Monday night.

He and Elton John, Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler, Sting, and Phil Collins all performed solo sets before joining forces to sing the Beatles' anthem "Hey Jude" at the end of the Music for Montserrat concert.

Although a final figure for the proceeds were not immediately available, record producer Sir George Martin, who organized the concert, said he hopes to have raised

up to \$1.6 million (NIS 5.6 million). More than half of Montserrat's 11,000 residents have fled the island since the Soufriere Hills volcano erupted in 1995. The remaining 5,000 left their houses in the lush south and are living in hardship in the north, often without work.

"TV companies from more than 40 nations, including the US and Japan, bought broadcast rights to Monday night's concert."

Tickets for the event were sold out within 90 minutes.

Sir George, the ex-Beatles producer, built his own recording studio on a Montserratian hilltop in 1979.

"Those of us fortunate enough to have experienced the beauty of Montserrat firsthand understand the magnitude of the disaster and the plight of the residents of this once-idyllic island," he said. (AP)

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TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Yet another dusty tape has been dragged out of some production company's archives to cash in on the 20th anniversary of the death of King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley.

Elvis gave two concerts in Hawaii in 1973 to raise money for fighting cancer. The second was broadcast live to over a billion viewers worldwide and the album stayed at the top of the charts for over a year.

The concert to be aired tonight is the first of the two, reportedly never seen on TV.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** - DIFFERENT FOR GIRLS - This small, sweet comic drama is as notable for what it isn't as for what it is. In thoroughly unsensational terms, the BBC-produced film, directed with frankness and affection by Richard Spence, tells the story of two school friends who meet up again as adults: cutie-pie Prentice (Rupert Graves) is now a tough, good-hearted motorcycle delivery boy, while Karl has undergone a sex-change operation



Rupert Graves is Prentice, a tough, good-hearted delivery boy, in 'Different for Girls.'

and become Kim (Steven Mackintosh), a primly dressed blonde with a job writing hearts-and-flowers verse for a greeting-card company. While it's fairly clear from the outset where relations between the two are headed, Tony Marchant's script is remarkably attentive to psychological detail, and it never once takes the potential romance for granted. Both of the actors manage, as well, to convey with delicate conviction the complexity of the situation. In many ways, Kim's sex-change operation is the smallest obstacle to their getting together, and just one of the movie's concerns: the film also manages to ask where platonic love gives way to sexual attraction, and how much our sense of the past (or our past selves) affects who we are today. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

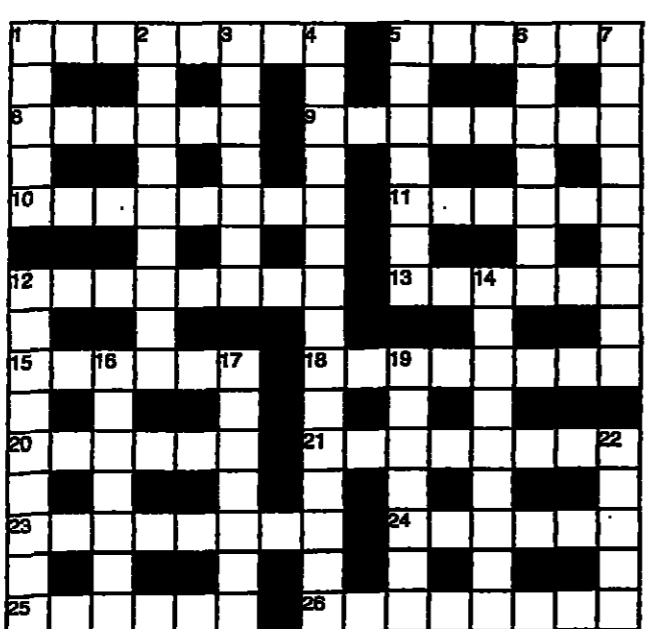


CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1 It is true, there is no stomach on the handyman (8)
5 A doctor and I are in Georgia or another country (6)
9 Persuasive vegetable? (6)
10 Shoot fellow soldier (8)
11 Voter upset resistance man (6)
12 Nice sums about a crescent-shaped figure (8)
13 Develop, but do not start to turn (6)
15 Rush here and there to obtain an appliance (6)
18 Get to know Bill Strange (8)
20 The never-ending round (6)
21 Argued logically as one was in debt (8)

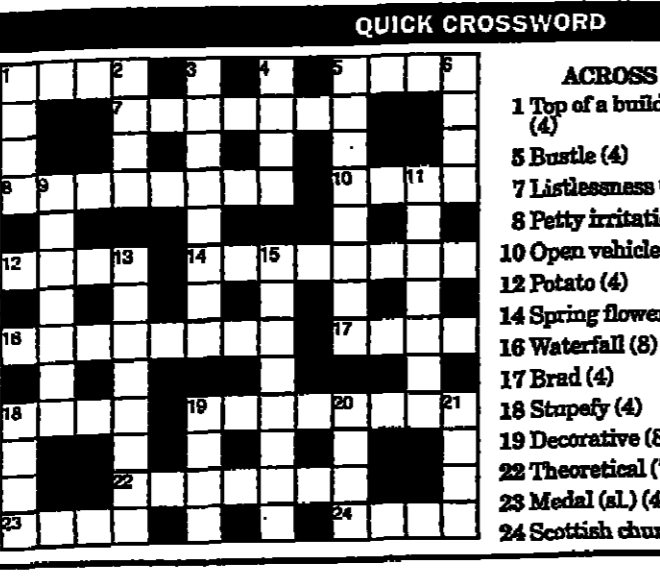
- DOWN
1 Father accepts one spotted the tool (5)
2 Gripping article about religious instruction by learners (9)
3 It is emblematic to them without aspiration in charge (7)

- 4 Non-stop flight (6-9)
5 Nothing placed in the middle of moving target in a method of execution! (7)
6 Exist with Old Nick in torment (7)
7 Other bran mixture that is obnoxious (8)
12 Spelling aid (5,4)
14 Of a public speaker or a politician, say, and a novice (9)
16 Resisting wear that's permanent (7)
17 After time, give motive for the crime (7)
19 One quadruples it (7)
22 Challenged revolutionary US lawyer first (5)



SOLUTIONS

SPORTING STABLE
10 GAT - Night Falls On Manhattan 5, 7, 20, 23
11 GAT - Night Falls On Manhattan 5, 7, 20, 23
12 GAT - Night Falls On Manhattan 5, 7, 20, 23



- ACROSS
1 Top of a building (4)
5 Burdle (4)
7 Lissidness (7)
8 Petty irritation (8)
10 Open vehicle (4)
12 Potato (4)
14 Spring flowers (8)
16 Waterfall (8)
17 Brad (4)
18 Stupefy (4)
19 Decorative (8)
22 Theoretical (7)
23 Medal (pl.) (4)
24 Scottish church (4)

TV

- CHANNEL 1
8:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel
13:00 Holy Koran
13:10 Cartoons
14:00 Global Gardener
14:30 Spellbinder
15:00 Monsters Today
15:00 Soccer Today
15:00 French programs
18:00 News in French
18:30 News headlines
18:35 Neighbors
18:50 Soccer's Diary
19:30 Oprah Winfrey
20:10 Sponser for Hire
21:00 News in English
22:00 Late Night
22:15 American Gothic

CABLE

- ITV 3 (33)
18:00 Cartoons
18:30 The Agreement
17:30 From Day to Day
18:00 The Tyrant
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Telekessel - In Real Time
20:00 News
20:45 Scent of Mint
22:00 Elvis in Hawaii
23:00 Baily
23:30 Entertainment News
23:55 Hollywood Chronicles
ETV 2 (23)
14:30 High-school basketball - Ironi Tel Aviv vs. Ironi Krayat Bialik
15:30 Face of the Earth
17:00 Bobby - Arabic
17:30 My Dear Brother - Arabic series
18:00 Dites Moi Tout
18:30 Tastes
19:00 Religions of the World
19:30 Point of View
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Zombi
21:00 The New 20th Century
22:00 Two to Tango - family matters
23:00 Onadim Line
FAMILY CHANNEL (9)
7:00 Good Evening
8:00 Dallas (pt)
9:00 One Life to Live
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt)
11:15 Zingara (pt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Due South
13:30 Frasier
14:00 Dallas
14:30 Days of Our Lives
15:40 Ricki Lake

PRIME TIME TV

Table with 8 columns (1-8) and 8 rows (19:30-23:00) listing TV programs and channels.

Juvenile delinquents
23:45 Nothing Sacred (1957) - classic satire by Ben Hecht about a young woman who is thought to be dying of a rare disease and is exploited by a cynical journalist. With Carole Lombard and Frederick March

21:00 Euro PGA Golf
22:00 Tonight Show
22:30 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
00:00 Later
00:30 NBC News
1:00 Tonight Show
1:30 SportsCenter
1:30 PGA Tour
20:30 Soccer
00:30 Table Tennis
2:30 Soccer

8:30 Triax World Sports
8:30 Sports Unlimited
12:30 Soccer
14:30 Sports Unlimited
15:30 Soccer
17:30 Soccer: Asia Qualifiers
18:30 EPGA Tour
20:30 Soccer
00:30 Table Tennis
2:30 Soccer

8:30 Bodies in Motion
18:00 Bodies in Motion
18:30 Soccer
19:00 Baseball
19:10 Israel Handball
20:15 Soccer: Champions League live - Newcastle vs. Barcelona
20:45 Soccer
22:30 Basketball

8:00 Eurogolf
8:30 World Air Games, Turkey
10:30 World Air Games, Turkey
10:30 UEFA Cup
10:30 Soccer
1:00 Sailing

8:00 VIP
8:30 NBC News
7:00 MSNBC News
8:00 Today Show
9:00 European Squawk Box
10:00 European Money Watch
14:30 CNBC US Squawk Box
22:00 Star Gardens
16:30 Interiors By Design
17:00 The Site
18:00 National Geographic
18:00 The Ticket
22:00 Dateline

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE That Dam Cat 5 - A Summer in Grazia 7, 8 Blue Velvet 9:30 - Jerry & Jerry 9:30 G.G. Gil - Jerusalem Mail (Maiba) = 6789448
ELAT ELAT CINEMA Air Force One 7:30, 10 - In Love & War 7:30, 10 - The Fifth Element 7:30, 10 - All Baba (Hebrew dialogue) 5 - Addicted to Love 7:30, 10 - Batman & Robin 4:45

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Doctors hold strike today

By JUDY SIEGEL

Doctors in most public hospitals will walk off their jobs today for 24-hours, to protest the Treasury's planned cuts in the health budget.

The Israel Medical Association said that the strike is a demonstration against the Finance Ministry's failure to carry out an agreement to add more doctors' positions and plans for overall changes in the health system.

A statement also accused the Treasury of trying to destroy the National Health Insurance Law. The strike will encompass all the public hospitals - government, Kupat Holim and those owned by voluntary organizations - except for Laniado in Netanya, whose workers' contracts contain a no-strike clause.

All will operate on a Shabbat schedule, except for delivery rooms, neonatal units, emergency rooms, dialysis units, and oncology departments, which will operate normally. Hospital outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will be closed.

Also striking are health fund doctors - including those with private offices. Only some clinics offering urgent medical care will open.

Meanwhile, the union of government hospital administrative, maintenance and technical staff will hold assemblies from 10 a.m. to noon today. The union has also threatened to strike in demand of more positions.

In an apparent attempt to ease tensions, Treasury budget chief David Milgrom and his deputy, Haim Peltz, told reporters yesterday that they had agreed to give the Health Ministry veto power in deciding how much health funds could charge for services beyond their regular service basket.

The option of charging for services such as visits to doctors,

"will encourage efficiency and competition among the health funds and give them more freedom of action," the budget chiefs said.

"Unless structural changes are made, along with modifications of the National Health Insurance Law, the health system will cause major macro-economic problems," Milgrom said.

He said that the law "encouraged unhealthy competition." He accused health funds of wasting money by building fancy clinics to attract patients.

Milgrom said the Treasury planned to try to hold down expenses in small communities by choosing a single health fund for each area. He said that the funds would be monitored to try to prevent them from forming cartels.

Health Ministry Director-General Gabi Barabash accused the Treasury of planning to get the public to foot the bill for a NIS 1.3 million deficit in the health system.

"The Treasury boys want the public to pay for it," he said. "The Finance Ministry is trying to present things as if there will be no cut in the basket of health services, when this is far from the truth."

Barabash also urged Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to ensure that the Treasury honor an agreement signed in March to increase the number of positions for doctors at public hospitals.

"The Treasury has not budgeted the hospitals for this, despite repeated requests and warnings by hospital directors and the IMA," Barabash wrote.

Peltz claimed yesterday that 66 new positions have been allocated for the coming year. But Barabash alleged that the Treasury is expecting the hospitals to pay for the additions.

Netanyahu to Tel Avivians: Subway in, Sde Dov out

Protesters stage demo at Rabin memorial

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu promised Tel Aviv residents that he would advance the subway train project, reinstate the slum rehabilitation budget and sell the site of Sde Dov Airport.

Netanyahu promised to present the subway plan this year. Mayor Ronni Milo, who hosted the prime minister, has promised to build a subway since his election campaign four years ago but has made no progress.

Netanyahu said relocating Sde Dov Airport will permit its use for housing and funds from the sale will go to the defense ministry.

A few meters from the reception given Netanyahu on the roof of the Gan Ha'ir shopping mall adjacent to City Hall, members of the Peace Guard demonstrated against him at the memorial for prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The demonstrators had arrived at the site of Rabin's assassination early in the morning "to make sure Netanyahu doesn't set foot in this place," one protester said.

She explained that "he has no right to be here, after he incited against Rabin. A month ago a picture was published of the demonstration in March 1995, showing that Netanyahu did see the coffin plus a hanging rope, which he said he did not see. He still hasn't apologized."

Netanyahu expressed regret that the protest took place, which caused him to cancel his earlier plans to lay a wreath at Rabin's memorial.

"It's time to stop this terrible incitement and put aside these arguments and accusations, which are against half the nation, and let the wounds heal."

At a meeting later with slum representatives, they complained that the budget for slum rehabilitation was cut and funds were going to the settlements in the territories. Netanyahu promised to re-allocate NIS 5 million to the slums.



Protesters stand at the memorial to late premier Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv. One poster says, "we won't forget, won't forgive." (Reuters)

WEATHER

Golan 14-26

Haifa 21-29

Tiberias 21-34

Afula 18-32

Samaria 17-28

Tel Aviv 21-29

Jerusalem 15-27

Beer Sheva 18-30

Dead Sea 27-36

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Copenhagen	14	57	83	cloudy
Frankfurt	27	71	73	pc cloudy
Geneva	21	52	73	clear
Helsinki	26	41	81	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	79	84	clear
Jakarta	28	48	70	clear
London	18	64	82	clear
Los Angeles	13	55	73	clear
Madrid	13	73	83	clear
Moscow	19	66	81	clear
Mumbai	23	35	76	pc cloudy
Montreal	21	31	81	pc cloudy
New York	21	70	76	clear
Paris	18	61	81	clear
Perth	10	50	74	clear
Rome	16	59	77	pc cloudy
Stockholm	11	57	81	clear
Sydney	13	35	73	clear
Taipei	17	27	81	clear
Toronto	15	59	77	pc cloudy
Yamou	11	52	72	clear
Zurich	17	48	72	clear

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Neeman attacks religious council waste

By DAVID HARRIS

Denying recent media reports that he is planning to close the Religious Affairs Ministry and abolish the religious councils, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday said he is not expecting yeshiva students to give up learning in order to work.

However, he did call for an end to public funding for those who have already completed their yeshiva education.

"It is unwise to continue with a system whereby ex-yeshiva students should continue to be under that umbrella, not working, not learning and yet getting government support," said Neeman.

Israel is short of 20,000 computer programmers and it is there that religious communities could make their mark, said the minister.

During his recent visit to Japan, Neeman learned of the great interest there in Israeli software and believes the country's high-tech exports can continue to grow, with the full integration of the haredim.

Speaking to journalists, Neeman also attacked wastage and excess overheads in the religious councils, which he said were not alone in needing trimming.

In the Migdal Haemek region, for example, there are six or seven religious councils, each with a chairman with a salary equal to that of a mayor, supported by several deputies.

Each of these councils deals with kashrut, marriage and ceremonies.

"We need to readjust in Israel," said Neeman.

The decision not to include proposals for reforming the councils in the 1998 budget was taken with the belief that more time is needed to decide on the exact measures to be implemented and in order to persuade the religious parties of the benefits of rationalization.



Yaakov Neeman (Bryan McBarney)

Eitan: No need for my ministry

By JUDY SIEGEL

As Science Ministry workers shouted "Mickey go home" outside his door yesterday, Minister Michael Eitan fought back against criticism of his plans to shut the ministry down.

"Instead of being in charge of a grocery-store operation that allocates only NIS 100 million for basic research," he said, "I want a statutory, professional, and non-political National Council for Research and Development (NCRD) to supervise the NIS 7 billion spend on R&D in this country."

In a press briefing, Eitan - who has been minister for two months and is due to hand the job over to his rotation partner Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom - claimed his plan would more than double the budget for basic research to NIS 220 million a year.

He distributed letters of endorsement from Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; Prof. Nehemia Levtzion, of the Council for Higher Education; and Prof. Yitzhak Parnas, chairman of the NCRD, and dismissed protests from senior Technion professors and the previous director-general of the Science Ministry, Zvi Yannai.

Eitan said that after spending "hundreds of working hours" examining his ministry's functioning and meeting all 80 employees, he was able to study the painfully thin budget booklet representing the ministry's expenditures. The ministry, he said, is responsible for only about 1.5 percent of all R&D in the country.

"We have two staffers to look after our library. Why do we need a library for 80 employees... I have a Chief Scientist's Office, which is very expensive, a deputy director-general for manpower, a director-general, and spokeswoman, and each of these has more employees... I understand their personal problem, but why do we need such a ministry, which was created in 1982 to give a portfolio to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman to bring the Tehiya party into the coalition?"

Eitan intends to serve as science minister out of the Prime Minister's Office - taking with him some 20 professionals from the ministry. Some of the others can find jobs in other government ministries, he added.

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